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Propose travel ban on Mexico be lifted

TORONTO —

The recommendations of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, made public last week, proposing a "normalization" of relations with Mexico, has cast doubt and ambiguity on the maintenance of a travel boycott raised against that country last November.

Contrary to published reports the Conference committee examining the Mexico question, did not state in print its withdrawal of support for the boycott, says Max Shecter, regional chairman of the Canadian Zionist Federation who attended the Jan. 26 meeting in New York.

The only Canadian among a delegation of Jewish leaders who visited Mexico last December, Shecter personally remarked that while the Canadian Jewish community never officially endorsed the travel sanctions, it should nevertheless restore original relations with that country — including travel.

No national organization here has established a position policy regarding Mexican travel, leaving the moral question in the hands of the individual. B'nai B'rith, according to District 22 Director Herb Levy, is in the process of polling its local leadership, soliciting their views before it plans formal action to resume group tours.

The actual wording of the ambiguous American statement, based on the report of its delegation to Mexico, reads in part: "Members of the delegation recognize that Mexico alone among 72 nations that supported the Nov. 10 resolution is taking the initiative to re-establish good relations between the people of Mexico and Israel.

"Having reviewed all these recent actions and statements by the government of Mexico and in particular by President Luis Echeverria, we are satisfied that a decided reversal of Mexican attitude toward Zionism, Israel and the Jewish people has in fact, taken place.

"We are no longer confronting an adversary, but have regained a friend. It is our recommendation that our relations be fully normalized."

Explaining his rationale for supporting the resumption of travel, Shecter pointed to two arguments — the possible anti-Zionist or anti-Semitic backlash in Mexico, which under normal circumstances sustains an amicable relationship with its Jews; Israel's satisfaction with Mexico's explanations of its voting behavior and the positive relations between the two countries.

"I am naive enough to believe they won't double-cross us," said Shecter. "But if Mexico lets us down we can start up the protest again."

Also in favor of resuming normal tourist conditions, Herb Levy commented: "It is an appropriate time to re-institute the organized B'nai B'rith tours, in light of the extensive effort on the part of the Mexican government and its president to normalize relations."

The implied cancellation of the boycott as announced by the Americans has not yet had a strong effect on Canadian travel to that country, according to several local agents.

David Freudmann of James Vance Travel, who orchestrated a full-page ad supported by 11 local agents in the Canadian Jewish News, urging travellers to remember Mexico's UN vote when arranging a trip, was adamantly opposed to withdrawing the boycott. Until Mexico makes its stand clear in the public forum of the UN, travel to Mexico should not be condoned, he argued.

Noting a small resumption of interest in Mexican travel over the past week, Emile Aufgang of Aufgang Travel Ltd., said in a remark that echoed other comments: "The boycott was a spontaneous, individual choice, not all that organized, but extremely effective... The moral of the story, whether we resume travel or not, is that the Jewish people have been made cognizant that when you do act unitedly you can get governments to change their mind."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and wife Leah pose with President Ford and wife Betty, at the White House. Rabin's visit to Washington comes at a crucial juncture in Israeli–American relations. U.S. officials reportedly want diplomatic movement in 1976; Israelis hope to bide their time.

Rabin tells Congress peace is driving goal of all Israel's policies

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Premier Yitzhak Rabin pledged in an address to a joint session of Congress that "however difficult the road, however hard the challenge and however complex the process, Israel will strive with all its being to contribute to the peace of the world by pressing ahead with its efforts for peace with the Arab countries. This is the driving goal of all of our policies."

The Israeli leader, the first premier of Israel ever to address Congress, also said: "I, today declare I am ready to meet with any Arab head of government at any time and at any place for the purpose of peace talks."

In his half-hour speech to the American legislators, Rabin stressed repeatedly that the centre of the Middle East conflict was not territory or the Palestinian issue but the refusal of the Arab leaders to reconcile themselves to the existence of the state of Israel. He promised that "in a negotiation whose sincere shared goal is final reconciliation, we shall go more than halfway to assure its success."

Rabin called for reconvening the Geneva peace conferences on the basis of its original terms and within the framework of Resolutions 242 and 338. He bitterly attacked the United Nations where, in its present form, he claimed, Israel could not obtain justice. He denounced the "organization that calls itself the PLO" the covenant of which, in every paragraph "spits out the venom calling for Israel's destruction."

Rabin said Israel was prepared to negotiate the Palestinian issue "within the geographical and political context of peace with Jordan," adding that "when I say Jordan I do not discount Palestinian representation in the peace delegation of that country" and "when I say geography, I do not discount a negotiation concerning the future final peace boundaries of the territories involved." He added that Israel is ready to "give up much and compromise much on territory" in negotiations whose aims are final peace and reconciliation.

The Israeli leader recalled that when President Anwar Sadat of Egypt addressed Congress from the same rostrum last October he "wisely declared" that there is no substitute for person-to-person contacts. In that connection, Rabin said, "I wish that he would direct those words to me as well as to you, the Congress of the United States. I would then know that the work of true peace-making has finally begun."

Rabin declared, "If I were to state in a word what is the heart and core of the Arab-Israeli conflict I would say this: It is the refusal of the Arab countries to reconcile themselves to the right of existence of one, small, viable, sovereign, Jewish state in the land of our people's birth; by Jewish state I mean an independent, democratic society, secular in the equality of all of its citizens, Jew and non-Jew alike, before the law and founded upon historic Jewish values. By stating this, I am saying that the question of territory, the matter of boundaries, the issue of maps, were not and are not the true obstacles to peace."

He charged that, from their rejection of the UN Palestine partition plan to the present day, "the Arabs would not negotiate the end of the conflict" because "they refused to reconcile themselves to a Jewish independent state."

Rabin drew a highly favorably response from Congressmen to his speech and in his two-hour closed-door meeting that followed with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House International Relations Committee. Sen. John Sparkman (D. Ala.) chairman of the Senate committee, told reporters that he was pleased with Rabin's willingness to negotiate. He said "if the two sides sat down together instead of intermediates, they would get somewhere."

Sen. Richard Stone (D. Fla.) said "the best thing" in Rabin's presentation was that "he put in perspective the nature of the issue and that the number one issue was not the Palestinians but the sovereignty of the state of Israel."

Rep. Lester Wolff (D. NY), chairman of the House subcommittee on future relations, said that after listening to Rabin, he was convinced the PLO was not only an element in Israel's destruction but the destruction of Jordan as well.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D. Minn.) told reporters Rabin's speech was "extraordinarily well received" and said his discussions with the two Congressional foreign relations committees, "brought into proper perspective."

Appointment of Norine Daniels as chairman of Israel Bonds establishes world precedent

TORONTO —

The Toronto Jewish community set an international precedent this week with the appointment of Mrs. Norine Daniels, prominent civic and communal leader, as city-wide general chairman of the Toronto State of Israel Bond campaign for 1976.

This marks the first time since the Israel Bond effort was launched a quarter-century ago that a woman has held the post of general chairman in any major community in North America, Latin America, or Europe.

In announcing the appointment, Allan Bronfman, national president, and George A. Cohon, national campaign chairman, State of Israel Bonds of Canada, paid special tribute to Mrs. Daniels' outstanding leadership qualities, her record of achievement in numerous causes on behalf of Israel and world Jewry, and her very close identification with the Israel Bond effort to strengthen Israel's economic foundations.

Norine Daniels

"As general chairman of one of the leading communities on the continent, Norine Daniels will have a major responsibility to increase the flow of investment capital to Israel upon which depends every vital aspect of the country's ability to survive the problems now facing it from all directions," Bronfman and Cohon declared.

"Every Jewish community and every Jew must face up to this epic challenge of our time, and this fact underscores the significance of the task Mrs. Daniels has accepted, and the measure of confidence she has inspired," their statement continued.

As Toronto general chairman, Norine Daniels qualifies as a member of the executive board and campaign cabinet of the world-wide Israel Bond Organization, and in this capacity attended the top-level briefings in Washington, D.C. last week-end with Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, following his discussions with President Ford and Henry Kissinger.

With a solid background of community and Israel Bond service, and numerous missions to Israel, Mrs. Daniels comes to her new post very well qualified. In 1975, she served as co-chairman of the Israel Prime Minister's Club of Toronto, comprising top-level supporters of Israel Bonds in the $25,000 and over categories.

She views her new role as "an opportunity to help serve our people in Israel. I know that every bond purchased provides industrial expansion, more employment opportunities, urgently-needed housing for the immigrants, improved education, and the economic strengthening so basic to Israel's survival.

"I believe that for every bond purchased, Israel moves closer to achieving its goals — peace on its borders, a haven for the oppressed, a decent standard of living, development of the land to provide a brighter future for our children, and the turning of age-old dreams into reality. With our bond dollars, we can help the people of Israel make these things happen. I accepted because I want to go my part in furthering these goals. I am confident that the community, its leaders and its institutions will join me in this worthy endeavor."

Mrs. Daniels is actively affiliated with Adath Israel Synagogue where she served as associate chairman of the Israel Bond committee in 1974, and chairman of the fine arts committee. She is a past president of Emek chapter, Toronto Hadassah, and is a member of the York Mills Branch, National Council of Jewish Women. She has been active in UJA, women's auxiliary of Baycrest Centre for the Aged, and the women's auxiliary of Mount Sinai Hospital. In the general community, she is active in the Heart Foundation, Art Gallery of Ontario, and the National Ballet Guild.

Mrs. Daniels is the wife of John H. Daniels, executive vice-president of Cadillac Fairview Corporation. They have five sons, aged 12 to 21.

'Lebanon owes its existence to Israel'

No separate Palestine state: Goren

By TOBA KORENBLUM
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TORONTO —

Should Syria invade Lebanon, now in the cooling stages of a restless ceasefire in its religious civil war, Israel must be prepared to intercede on her neighbor's behalf, in the opinion of Chief Ashkenazic Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

Addressing a press conference at the Inn on the Park last week, Rabbi Goren told newsmen that Lebanon, which persists in harboring terrorist PLO, "owes its existence to Israel." As a result of its common shared border with the Jewish state, Lebanon, as well as Jordan, has in fact been protected in the past from a potential Syrian foray.

The belligerent Syrians have condoned the movement of PLO troops into the thick of the heated battle between warring Christian and Moslem factions in Lebanon, noted the chief rabbi and the PLO have shown their true colors "killing more Christians than all deaths in five wars in Israel.

"This is an example of what means a secular state where all denominations can find a place," Rabbi Goren exclaimed, quickly pointing out "Israel cannot negotiate with murderers where 99% of their casualties are innocent people, women and children."

In Toronto under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal, the rabbi, who also serves as chief spiritual leader of the Israel defence forces, reiterated his country's commitment to integrating Palestinians who chose to settle within her boundaries. "We are ready to provide them equal rights, but under one federal government which represents the majority in the holy land," he articulated.

Pointing to the Canadian provincial system, he suggested the Palestinians could achieve autonomy in designated regions such as Judea, Samaria (including the West Bank) and Gaza.

But, he was careful to stress, "Israel cannot provide a separate state in the heart of the country for every minority group."

Would it be reasonable, he asked, to grant the Puerto Ricans of New York, who outnumber Palestinians, rights to a separate zone of political influence within that city?

Israel will not cede territory to the Palestinians, he emphasized. "I am not representing the policy of the government of Israel," he cautioned, "but talking as a rabbi, the rights on Judea and Samaria are stronger than our rights on Tel Aviv. These are the heart and brain of the state of Israel from a biblical point of view."

Rabbi Goren's three-day visit to Toronto, his only Canadian stop on a North American tour, coincided with Prime Minister Rabin's visit to the U.S. and an American veto in the UN's Security Council on a resolution affirming Palestinian rights and calling for a total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories.

Approaching a similar tack as his prime minister, the rabbi expressed approval of the U.S. veto and his concern on proposed U.S. aid cutbacks to his country. "The United States is the only country still acting according to its free conscience and not influenced by Arab oil fields, he said, noting the American track record indicates Congress will remain friendly to Israel.

Could the Americans be pressured by Arab petrodollars? "This is a possibility we must take into consideration, but judging by public opinion, it won't happen. We

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(Jonah Libman photo)

The Chief Ashkenazic Rabbi of Israel, Shlomo Goren, addresses joint assembly of Associated Hebrew Academy of Toronto. He was here under auspices of United Jewish Appeal

$1.8 billion aid may be approved in U.S. program

WASHINGTON [JTA] —

White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen said that President Ford will request a "very substantial" assistance program for Israel in fiscal 1977 which the president believes "is fully adequate for Israel and meets its future security requirements." He said that "Israel has been told what the program requests will be — told in fact before the meetings" between Ford and Premier Yitzhak Rabin.

Nessen made his reference to the aid program in a briefing for reporters following the third and final meeting at the White House between President Ford and the Israeli premier. Their session lasted 30 minutes. Nessen said no joint communique would be issued by the two leaders because "it was just decided not to have one." He described the Ford-Rabin talks as "part of the explorations we are making with all the parties at this stage," and added, "I am just going to let quiet diplomacy go forward and not to talk too much about the conclusions."

Nessen said the total figures on assistance for Israel in the new fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 will be made known when the president submits the entire foreign aid program for all countries to Congress in mid-February. With respect to the aid package for Israel, he said the considerations were "first of all, Israel's security and economic needs and secondly, America's own economic situation and America's own interests." On the aid question, Nessen continued, "The budget shows a billion dollars which is a part and not a total assistance for fiscal year 1977."

The sum of $1 billion for military assistance next year represents a half-billion dollar cut from the military assistance recommendations for the current fiscal year which has been extended to Oct. 1. Israel is believed to have felt that it requires at least $1.5 billion to meet its defense needs in light of the arms flowing into the Arab states which threaten to alter the Mideast power balance. Israel has also requested about $800 million in economic support assistance. The Administration has not revealed what amount it will ask for in this category.

However, the impression appeared to be, after the Ford-Rabin discussions, that the military aid figure will not be altered but the economic support assistance would approach Israel's request, bringing the total aid package to about $1.8 billion. Nessen said the U.S. did not contemplate that the elevation of assistance to Israel should be continued on the same level as in the years following the 1973 war.

Seeking to have the $500 million restored, Rabin took the unusual action of meeting with outgoing CIA director William Colby and his successor, George Bush. The meeting was at the residence of Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz.

The CIA is charged with providing estimates on the relative military strength of Israel and its Arab neighbors. Rabin was said to have told Colby and Bush that U.S. estimates are inaccurate regarding both Israel's military power and the continually improving military strength of its Arab neighbors.

It has long been seen here that the Arab nations acquiring Soviet, European and American arms are upsetting the military balance to Israel's disadvantage.

Mexico's UN envoy is a Jew

MEXICO CITY [JTA] —

Roberto Rosenzweig of Mexico City has been appointed Mexico's ambassador to the United Nations.

Officials here said the Jewish career diplomat was being sent to the UN because of his experience in the Middle East. Prior to his new appointment, he had been Mexican ambassador to Egypt.

At the UN, Rosenzweig succeeds Alfonso Garcia Robles, who has been named Mexican foreign minister, succeeding Emilio Rabasa, who resigned last month.

TORONTO —

Menachem Begin, Israel's Opposition Leader in the Knesset, paid a brief visit here this week on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. A controversial political figure who heads the Likud bloc in his country's Parliament, the 63-year-old Begin met with the press and addressed students at the Community Hebrew Academy on Monday. He attended a rally Tuesday night at Beth Tzedec Synagogue then travelled to Winnipeg and Calgary under the auspices of UIA.

World News

Rabbi Unterman dead at 90

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Funeral services were held on the Mount of Olives for the former Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Israel Isser Yehuda Unterman, who died at Shaare Zedek Hospital at the age of 90. He had contracted pneumonia and succumbed to complications.

Rabbi Unterman served as Chief Rabbi from 1964-72. Although regarded as a rabbi of "the old school," he was held in high esteem and considered a moderate until the end of his tenure when he sided with local rabbis who banned the marriages of an Israeli brother and sister — the Langers — to their fiances on grounds that they were of illegitimate birth. According to Halacha as interpreted by Israel's Orthodox rabbinate, children allegedly born out of wedlock may marry only other illegitimates or converts to Judaism.

The public outcry against the decision, which was viewed by most Israelis as a prime example of the rigidity of the Chief Rabbinate, led the government of Premier Golda Meir to support the then army chief chaplain, Rabbi Shlomo Goren against Rabbi Unterman in the 1972 elections for a new Chief Rabbinate.

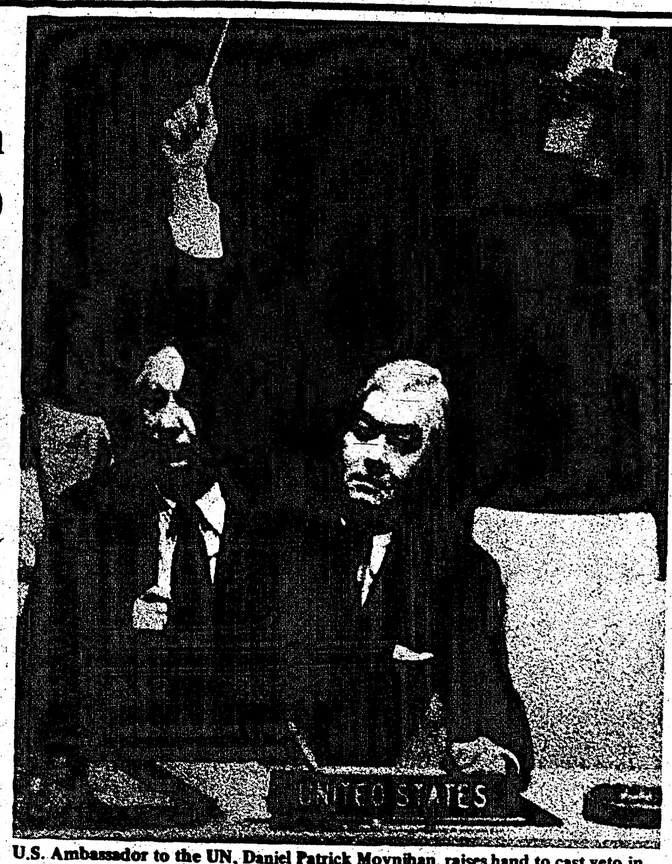
Rabbi Unterman who had defeated Rabbi Goren in 1964, was in turn defeated by the younger candidate. As Chief Rabbi, Goren arranged to have the Langer decision reversed. Thereafter, Rabbi Unterman retired from public life but continued to teach at the rabbinical seminary he headed.

Rabbi Unterman was born in Brest-Litovsk, Russia and attended the yeshiva there. He was ordained at the Volozin Yeshiva and in the 1920s took a pulpit in Liverpool, England where he served for about 20 years. Deeply involved in Zionist affairs and a leader of the Mizrachi, he settled in Palestine in 1947 when he was invited to become Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv. He was persuaded by the National Religious Party to stand for election as Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi in 1964 and beat the Labor-backed Goren by three votes.

Rabbi Unterman and his Sephardic counterpart, Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, had their differenced but never quarreled publicly as do their successors, Rabbi Goren and Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. Rabbi Yosef defeated Rabbi Nissim in the 1972 elections.

Rabbi Unterman was the father of six sons and a daughter, Esther, who died recently. One of his sons is Rabbi Maurice Unterman, of the Marble Arch Synagogue, London.

Rabbi I. Y. Unterman



U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, raises hand to cast veto in Security Council killing resolution on establishment of Palestinian state. Moynihan resigned this week, telling friends he wished to return to Harvard. (RNSP)

Outspoken ambassador of U.S. resigns UN post

United Nations, N.Y. — Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the outspoken American ambassador to the United Nations, has tendered his resignation to President Ford.

Moynihan said he had resigned to return to teaching at Harvard, but observers claimed he had stepped down from his post due to lack of support from the White House and State Department.

A onetime ambassador to India, Moynihan infuriated Arab, Third World and Communist countries by calling Uganda's Idi Amin a "racist murderer" and by sharply condemning the recent UN vote equating Zionism with racism.

According to reports, Moynihan is interested in seeking the Democratic ticket for the New York senatorial seat now held by conservative Republican James Buckley.

Beauty Balked

JERUSALEM (JTA) – Israel's financial woes have forced this country to bow out as host to its first Miss Universe contest. The international beauty pageant, scheduled to be held here next summer, will have to find another site because the Treasury balked at allocating $300,000 for the event.

Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol was deeply disappointed when he announced cancellation of Israel's invitation. He had expected the contest to draw record tourist business and maintained it was good propaganda for Israel.

El Al had agreed to co-operate by providing jumbo jets to bring the contestants to Israel and the Hilton Hotel chain offered rooms for them and their retinues.

Rebbetzin Jungreis lambasts UN, Pope on Lebanon crisis

LONG ISLAND, N.Y., — Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis, founder of the international Hineni Movement, has written an article in which she accuses the United Nations and Pope Paul of "a conspiracy of indifference" towards the bloody civil war in Lebanon.

"It is inconceivable that world leaders who constantly mouth platitudes about peace and justice, should totally ignore this massacre," wrote the rebbetzin. "Upon reflection, however, it soon becomes obvious that it is not Lebanon which is the issue, but Israel. And if one bears all this in mind, the pieces began to fall into place."

Asserting that the nations of the world have innumerable reasons for seeking Israel's decline, she declares that whatever the motivating factor, be it oil politics or blind hatred, they remain united in their determination to destroy...to close their eyes when Israel is under fire.

A Palestinian victory in Lebanon would tighten the noose around an Israel "already gasping for breath," the article continues. "But perhaps most deafening is the silence which emanates from Rome. It is interesting to note that the Pope, who has long demonstrated great solicitude for the welfare of the 'poor Palestinian refugees,' and who has never hesitated to condemn Israel, has suddenly lost his voice, although ironically, this time it is his own Christian people who are being led to the slaughter.

"At first, one is at a loss to comprehend the meaning of Rome's horrendous silence. But upon close scrutiny, it becomes apparent that there is logic to the madness, for in the final analysis, it is Israel that is at the root of all the trouble. The stakes are high, for the prize that Rome covets is nothing less than Jerusalem... And if, in order to win this prize a few Christians must be sacrificed...so be it.

"If the reader is taken aback by these allegations, then we refer him to Christian theology, which is rooted in the belief that the Jew is to be banned from the holy land until such time as he is willing to accept Jesus. Pope Pius X made this perfectly clear in an interview with Theodor Herzl when he stated that he could support the Zionist state only if the Jews would agree to be baptized. Thus, it is not by chance that to this day the Vatican does not recognize the homeland of the Jewish people.

"It is truly unfortunate if the Jewish people, by returning to their land, have upset Christian theology. As much as Israel might wish to accommodate them however, the Jews will never relinquish the land. Jerusalem was, Jerusalem is, and Jerusalem will forever be the capital of the Jewish people. The Christians as well as the Moslems have more important holy cities, but for the Jew there has always been one Jerusalem. The city of David was given to Israel, not by any nation, nor through conquest, but by the Creator of the Universe."

Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis of Hineni Movement, has attacked UN and pope for their silence during Lebanese crisis. She spoke to Toronto audience last year.

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'PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE'

Dressed as prisoners, a group of Montrealers demonstrate in front of Aeroflot (Soviet Airlines) office. Demonstrators were members of Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. They were protesting immoral use of conscription by the Russian government towards Jews applying for exit visas. (CJC photo)

One community flourishes, another dies

By LARRY ORENSTEIN

QUEBEC CITY —

The Jewish community of southern Quebec presents a paradox: The 170-mile axis between Montreal and Quebec City links a flourishing centre of Judaism to one facing extinction.

The Jewish community of Montreal — well over 100,000 — is the largest in Canada. Ninety miles east of Montreal is one of the oldest Jewish communities in Canada; more than over 200 years ago Aaron Hart arrived with Wolfe's British army and settled in Trois-Rivieres. And yet only 80 miles east of Trois-Rivieres, the survival of Quebec City's only synagogue is being seriously threatened by a decline in membership and a lack of money.

The "liberal" Orthodox synagogue — Congregation Beth Israel Ohev Shalom — is on Avenue De Salaberry in uptown Quebec City, within 15 minutes walking distance from the Plains of Abraham. The basement of the synagogue was built in 1944, but the superstructure was completed in 1952, after the union of two small separate congregations, Beth Israel and Ohev Shalom.

"Twenty-three years ago, the synagogue had 125 families as members," said Moses Rosenhek, president of the congregation. "Today, there are about 45 families."

The reason for this decline is simple, said Esther Prager, wife of Samuel Prager, the rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel Ohev Shalom.

"Since Jewish parents sent their children to English-speaking schools, Quebec City's French-speaking Laval University was bypassed in favor of Montreal, or more often, Ontario or the Maritimes. And when their children graduated, they often stayed in the bigger city for reasons of opportunity; they seldom came back to live in Quebec City."

But, stressed Mrs. Prager, not all Jews in Quebec City are affiliated with the synagogue.

"There are two categories that are not members: those who work for the Quebec government on a temporary basis and those who have businesses here but commute from Montreal."

With an outflow of youth and a falling birthrate, the corresponding decline in membership has caused severe financial problems for the synagogue.

"We are behind in financing the synagogue," said Rachel Smiley, a longstanding member of the congregation. "We need a lot of money for upkeep and taxes and we're not getting it."

During the week the doors of the synagogue are locked to cut maintenance costs. But, said Miss Smiley, there have been no major fund-raising appeals.

One financial priority is the synagogue's cemetery.

"We approached the Canadian Jewish Congress for money to look after our cemetery," said Miss Smiley, "but since the affairs of Montreal took precedence, they wouldn't help us."

Quebec City's Jewish community does not align itself with either the French-speaking majority or the English-speaking minority.

"We think it wise not to identify with either group," said the Hungarian-born Mrs. Prager, who came to Quebec City from the United States eight years ago. "As neutrals, we show a good profile to both communities."

Rosenhek arrived in Quebec City 23 years ago from New Brunswick. "It was hard for Jews to crash into either group, but there was more of a door open with the English. However, we mix with both and identify with both."

Native-born Miss Smiley strongly relates to both groups. "This question of identity is irrelevant to our community."

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American Zionist Federation treasurer says radical changes needed in WZO

By SHLOMO PEREL

HAMILTON —

Moshe Kagan, treasurer of the American Zionist Federation, called for radical changes in the World Zionist Organization and in Israeli society to ensure progress in implementing the Zionist idea at all levels.

Speaking to Friends of Pioneering Israel here, Kagan, who is also a member of the WZO Actions Committee, told an audience of about 50 that the WZO leadership is more committed to maintaining its current structure than to Zionist ideology as such.

Kagan, a leader of Americans for Progressive Israel, said it is time to revitalize Zionism by returning to the roots — its ideals for social justice and an enlightened Jewish homeland.

He emphasized that only those in solidarity with Israel have the right to criticize her. He said that the openness and momentum for change which characterized Israel after the Yom Kippur War has been largely dissipated and must be rejuvenated.

Israel must put forward her own program and not react to events as they occur. This is especially important in the area of foreign policy, where Israel must find a way of combining a peaceful settlement with Palestinian self-determination, while remaining strong in her defences, he asserted.

Turning to Israeli society itself, Kagan pointed out "the extreme danger" of the Gush Emunim movement, which combines chauvinism with misplaced fervor. By seeking to force the annexation of the occupied territories, it forms a barrier to a negotiated peace and thereby threatens democracy in Israel, he said. In this vein he observed, the recent events at Sebastia on the West Bank should serve as a serious warning for the future.

Kagan emphasized the danger of the growing gap between rich and poor, which is no longer strictly a matter of Ashkenazim and Sephardim but cuts across all ethnic groups. Alongside the widespread poverty exists a growing group of millionaires and newly rich, he said.

Unfortunately, the government's new economic policies will exacerbate this trend, but there is a struggle at the grass roots level to narrow the gap, and Kagan described efforts of the Kibbutz Artzi movement to do this.

The Rakah victory in Nazareth is another indicator that Israel can no longer accept the status-quo, he explained. Unless the Israeli Arabs are made to feel at home and given equal opportunities to fulfil themselves, they will seek other means of expression.

Kagan, who was recently in Israel at a WZO Actions Committee meeting, also stressed the wonderful feeling he had at the tremendous solidarity inside Israel in the defence of the country. Much has been achieved in Israel, he said, but much remains to be done.

Fund-raiser feels it wise to keep figures quiet

By MOURA WOLPERT
Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON —

"Why must we always give figures?" asks Abby Goldblatt, who is serving his second consecutive term as campaign chairman of the Hamilton UJWF. "We are striving to be 25% over last year's total," is how he prefers to put it.

He feels that figures are of interest only to the specific community in which the campaign is being run and where it really matters. "But why should the whole world know how much money we give?"

What concerns him is what is happening in the UN today, the growing isolation of Israel, the rise in anti-Semitism and a strong feeling that it may be wiser at this time to keep our commitment to Israel to ourselves. "I feel it is not to our advantage to publicize the amounts."

But if he doesn't want to publicize figures, it doesn't mean that we should slacken our efforts. Quite the contrary. Goldblatt, executive vice-president of the family firm of Intermetco Ltd., has the kind of personal charm that can probably squeeze dollars from a stone and he is quite prepared to use it. It augurs well for the campaign but woe to anyone about to slink quietly into a corner and stay there until it's over. He has an organization this year which will set about raising funds with unprecedented determination and if last year's campaign was "tremendous," this year's is going to be even better.

Goldblatt will be helped in this by his vice-chairman Dr. Michael Molot, a neuro-radiologist who joined the McMaster University medical school faculty about six years ago. A native of Ottawa who received his training in Montreal, Dr. Molot helped to organize the few Jewish families of Burlington, Ont. into a community but has since moved to Dundas, Ont. with his wife Shirley and three young daughters. His was chairman of the UIA Young Leadership Development Group last year and is currently a vice-president of B'nai B'rith Viceroy Reading Lodge.

The campaign kicks off with the annual UJWF Opening Night on Saturday, Feb. 7, when Menachem Begin, leader of Israel's Opposition party, will be the guest speaker.

Abby Goldblatt

Women for Soviet Jewry change name, expand activity

TORONTO —

The Women for Soviet Jewry has changed its name to the Toronto Action Committee for Soviet Jewry in order to expand the scope of their activities.

The Action Committee hopes to include synagogue brotherhoods, mens' organizations and business and professional groups. Under the co-chairmanship of Phyllis Sugar and Reg Adilman, the committee will hold its first meeting in March following the Second World Conference on Soviet Jewry to be held in Brussels, Feb. 17-19.

Ms. Sugar and Susan Winton, a Thornhill housewife, will be attending the conference for the new committee.

A prime example is Paula Baischman. Paula recently sat by her telephone until 3 a.m. trying to establish contact with Solomon Goldman, a radio communications engineer in Odessa, and a personal friend of Lev Roitburd, a 'Prisoner of Conscience' who was tried and arrested on trumped-up charges in August, 1975. When she finally contacted Goldman, he advised her that Roitburd's wife and child are faring very badly and are in great need of assistance.

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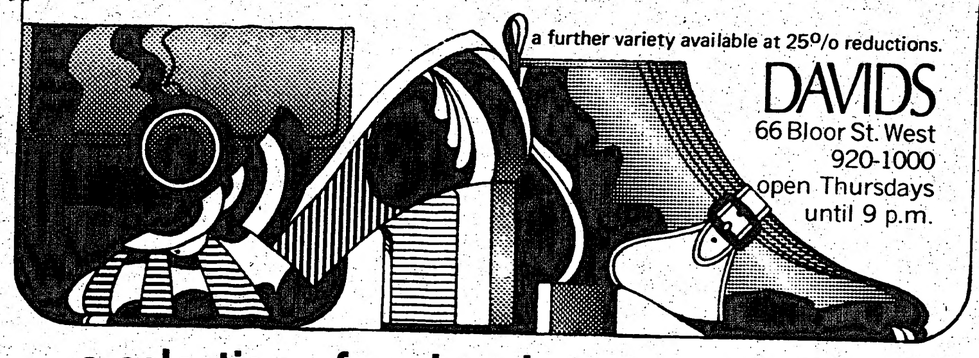

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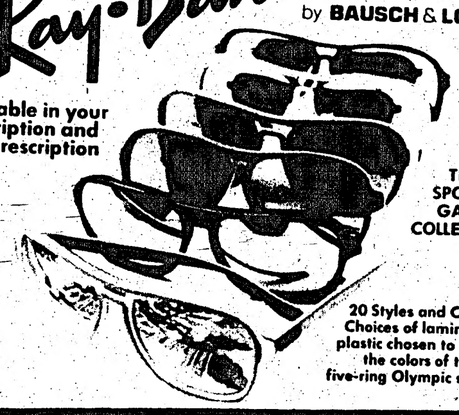

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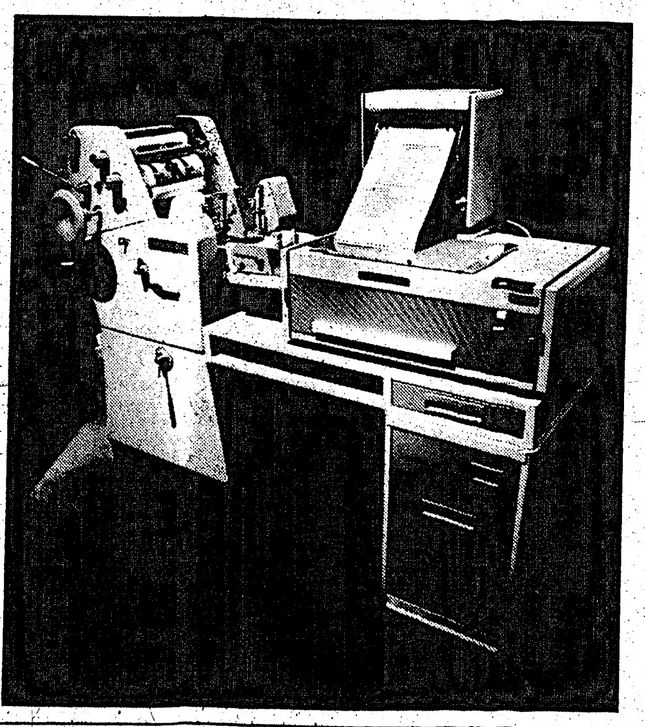

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Toronto leaders deserve our praise for efficient merger of CJC, UJWF

The Toronto Jewish community is blessed with excellent leadership, a fact which is attested by the day-by-day activities of numerous bodies which serve the wide and varied range of communal needs. And serve them with a high degree of competence.

The merger of the United Jewish Welfare Fund with the Toronto region of the Canadian Jewish Congress, under the name of Toronto Jewish Congress, is an accomplished fact and it came about because community leaders brought it into reality in the face of many difficulties. Persistence, a dogged determination to bring about a long overdue merger of the two bodies, finally paid off.

In his farewell address as president of UJWF, a body no longer in existence, Jack Rose told the first annual meeting of the Toronto Jewish Congress: "Last year I came to bury Caesar — my clear mandate was to preside over the demise of the organization which I led. A rather unusual position for a president, but that job is done. So this year I come to praise Caesar. There will be no shiva for the United Jewish Welfare Fund."

The job was well done, exceptionally so, and to Mr. Rose and his colleagues goes a heartfelt vote of thanks for a magnificent record of accomplishment. Mr. Rose, who was elected a vice-president of the TJC, was generous in his tribute to those who worked with him to create a unified structure. He spoke of the involvement of such men as Donald Carr, the late Harry Wolfson, Phil Granovsky, Milton Harris and David Satok, among many others, and "the continuous infusion of their vision and determination." He praised the entire leadership of the UJWF and so many in the Congress camp for setting aside their justifiable pride in their respective institutions and making compromise after compromise in the interests of the community as a whole.

The Toronto Jewish Congress has now the task of integrating two different styles of operation, and Mr. Rose warned that the new leadership faces a monumental job in coping with the combined work load of both organizations. But he expressed faith that the tasks will be accomplished and that the basic issues of the Jewish community will become the full concern of the TJC which he is confident has the base to solve any problems which might emerge.

Mr. Rose gave an account of his stewardship, and, indeed, it was a busy, productive year in which much good was accomplished. He listed a dozen projects undertaken and carried out during 1975, ranging from the study on Jewish education to the UJA campaign which raised its largest dollar total in a non-war year.

The men and women who make up the executive committee and the council of the TJC have set their hands to a very special undertaking, and we are confident that the qualities of leadership they have demonstrated in the past will ensure success in the days that lie ahead.

Propaganda maxim used by Nazis now serves anti-Zionism of Soviets

The bigger the lie, the more believable it becomes. This was the basis of Nazi propaganda and it served them well in conditioning the German masses before and during the Second World War. The Goebbel's technique of the big lie has been adapted by the Kremlin as part of the brainwashing of the Russian population.

We are indebted to Misha Allen of Toronto, for the translation of a Pravda article which asserts that the poisonous seeds of racism have been introduced to Canada by Zionism. Pravda says the Toronto subway attack on Tanzanian immigrant Shamshudin Kanji, was the direct result of Zionism's racism.

"The shameless Zionists not only are trying to whitewash the racist ideology of human hatred, but they are openly urging acts of terror against the representatives of the colored population," said the Pravda article. "This is done in spite of the decisive condemnation by the General Assembly of the UN against all forms of racial irreconcilability."

To make the story sound better, Pravda said Mr. Kanji lost both legs in the attack by three white youths. We are happy to inform the Pravda editors that Mr. Kanji is in possession of both legs, though they were fractured in the assault.

Mr. Allen came across the Pravda article in the course of monitoring the Soviet press and he thought we would be interested in it as an illustration of Soviet "journalism." Observed Mr. Allen: "Perhaps you have a chutzpah department where it might fit in." With masterly understatement, he adds, "to blame Toronto racial muggings on Zionism is a bit far fetched..."

The name signed to the Pravda article is N. Bragin, who apparently operates out of Ottawa. Mr. Bragin has one advantage over other Ottawa correspondents; he doesn't have to concern himself with such trivial matters as truth and factual accuracy. He just has to follow the Pravda line...the bigger the lie...

Political philosopher Hannah Arendt one of major intellectuals of our time

"Things looked different after she had looked at them," Prof. Hans Jonas said in eulogizing his friend Dr. Hannah Arendt, the political philosopher who recently died at the age of 69. "She was a beautiful woman...(her eyes) were brilliant, sparkling, as though rays of intelligence leaped out of them, but also deep pools of inwardness," observed novelist Mary McCarthy.

Miss Arendt was a great intellectual, one of the major thinkers of our time. She was the author of eight important books, and at her death she was appropriately working on a three-volume work entitled **The Life of the Mind.** Born in Germany, she received her doctorate degree in philosophy under the guidance of noted philosopher Karl Jaspers. When the Nazis came to power in 1933, she left Germany and settled in Paris, where she studied and did social work for the French branch of Youth Aliyah.

She again fled the Nazis when they invaded France in 1940. This time she found final refuge when she emigrated to the United States. Here she served as research director of the Conference of Jewish Relations and then as chief editor of Schocken Books. Miss Arendt wrote **The Origins of Totalitarianism** in 1951, a seminal work analysing Nazism and Communism. Her conclusion was that these disparate ideologies were ultimately linked to anti-Semitism and imperialism.

Miss Arendt's most publicized work grew out of her coverage for The New Yorker of the Eichmann trial in Israel. The book she eventually produced, **Eichmann in Jerusalem,** stirred much controversy and breast-beating, particularly among Jews, because she contended that it was simplistic to blame Eichmann alone for the crimes of the Nazis. The responsibility, she wrote, should also be laid at the doorsteps of Germans, other Europeans — and Jews who co-operated with the Germans in their own destruction.

This shy, quiet woman was not always right in her analyses, but her ideas were sharp, provocative and memorable. No doubt the best tribute to Hannah Arendt was probably voiced by Mary McCarthy. "Hannah," she said after her funeral, "is the only person I have seen **think.**"

Forgive new generation of Germans

It seemed like a dream but indeed it was not.

Henry Kissinger had returned to Fuerth, the place in West Germany where he had been born, and he could hardly believe that he was "home" again.

The Kissingers left Fuerth a few years after Louis Kissinger, an Orthodox Jew, was fired as a high school teacher, and after it became abundantly clear that life in the Bavarian town was dangerously unsafe for German Jews.

Today, 38 years after the hasty departure of the Kissingers, 200 Jews remain in Fuerth, where the Jewish community once numbered thousands. There is a synagogue and two cemeteries, but in the face of attrition, emigration and assimilation one can probably imagine that the cemeteries will ultimately play a more important role than the lone synagogue.

Henry Kissinger and his aged parents displayed no bitterness when they revisited Fuerth. Perhaps it is only fitting that the events of the past should not cloud the future. We should never forget what happened between 1933-45, but surely it is time to forgive the new generation of Germans who had nothing to do with the hideous crimes perpetrated by their parents.

Community life has continued vibrantly on Virgin Islands for over 140 years

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands — "The Synagogue of St. Thomas, rebuilt in 1833 after fire destroyed an older structure, is today one of the most charming sights of the Island, and an important architectural monument of the Jewish people in the New World," wrote Herman Wouk, a prolifik and distinguished author and one of the leaders of this Caribbean Jewish community of 200 to 250 Jewish families.

It is evident from very early census and taxpayers lists that Jews have been on the Virgin Islands from the very beginning of its settlement in 1665.

The first real growth of the Jewish population in St. Thomas came, however, after 1781, as a direct result of the destruction of the nearby Dutch West Indian island of St. Eustatius by Admiral Sir George Rodney's British West Indian fleet, because of the Dutch support of American revolutionists.

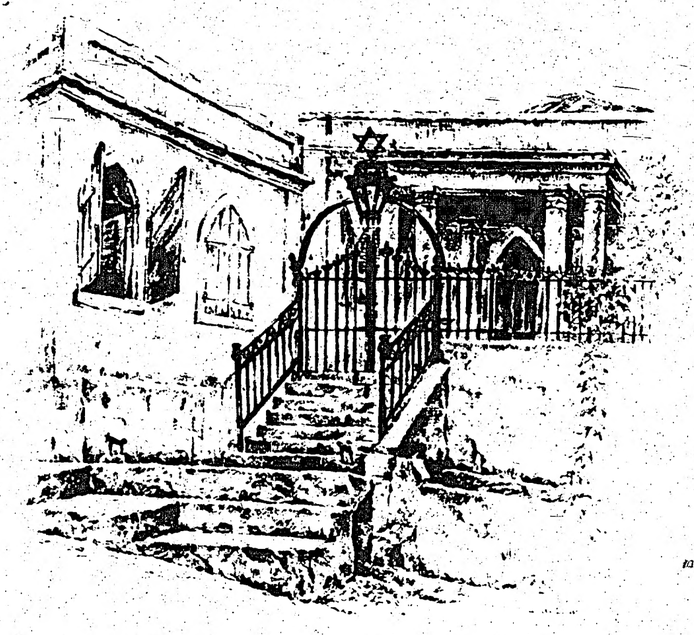
(Records show that a great deal of war material was supplied to the Americans by the Sephardic Jews of St. Eustatius; many of them were forced to move to St. Thomas after their homes were destroyed and their businesses looted by the conquering British.)

As a result of this influx of St. Eustatius Jews to St. Thomas, a synagogue was built in St. Thomas in 1796, and named "Blessing and Peace." That first synagogue was destroyed in the great St. Thomas fire of 1804.

A hastily erected second synagogue was taken down in 1823; it was too small to handle the growing Jewish population.

The third synagogue, built in 1823 under the name "Blessing and Peace and Acts of piety," was destroyed in another disastrous fire in 1831.

The synagogue still used in St. Thomas today — the oldest synagogue under the American flag in continuous use since its foundation — is the one built in 1833.



Novelist Herman Wouk was very impressed by the sight of the Synagogue of St. Thomas.

An early St. Thomas newspaper, the Sanct Thomae Tidende, in an issue published a few days after that consecration, said: "We are happy to have it in our power to congratulate our friends of the Hebrew religion on the early completion of the new synagogue...

"About six o'clock on Thursday evening, the congregation assembled in their temporary place of worship and shortly after they proceeded to the new synagogue in the usual ceremonial order.

"At seven o'clock, His Excellency the Governor (Peter Von Schloten), and many respectable persons entered the building and immediately after the consecration service commenced.

"The lamp for the perpetual light borne by the eldest member of the congregation, followed by six sacred rolls of the pentateuch carried by members, appeared at the entrance, which the elder priest received. He lighted the lamp, pronounced the benediction, and the lamp was then handed to a younger priest who placed it on the stand appropriated for it.

"The choir, consisting of young ladies and gentlemen, sang the 24th verse of the 118th Psalm.

"An excellent discourse taken from 1st of Kings, Chapter 8, Verse 13, written expressly for the occasion by Mr. Isaac Lindo (who had spearheaded the campaign to raise funds for the construction of the new synagogue), was most emphatically delivered by that gentleman, which made the congregation deeply impressed with the most profound feelings of reverence and devotion.

"The service of the congregation was terminated by the choir chanting a hymn for the occasion. In concluding our account of this memorable ceremony it is only doing justice to say the whole of which was conducted in a manner worthy of a people who were the first worshippers of the true and living G—d!"

Community life has continued vibrantly for over 140 years.

Wouk once said of his community:

"In the great surge to the Caribbean following World War II, the Jewish community has come strongly to life on St. Thomas. The voices of children studying Hebrew are heard once more on Synagogue Hill. Here, as everywhere else, there is a revival of Jewish spirit and learning; and here, as elsewhere, the revival is only beginning."

Our present course could be 'disastrous for Israel'

Psychological base for aliyah must be built, study shows

By RABBI HERBERT FEDER

In the face of ongoing attacks upon Israel, Zionism and the Jewish people, we ask ourselves, "What shall we do, what can we do?" Our answers cover a range of strategies which include counter-propaganda in the media, protest marches, larger contributions to Israel Bonds and UJA, expansion and intensification of Jewish education, and more and better organized tours to Israel. One should not, one dare not, underestimate the importance of these strategies.

Rabbi Herbert Feder (Jacob El-Baz photo)

At the same time, a Jewish sensibility schooled on the study of Bible, history and geography, as well as politics, psychology and plain common sense, cannot but be perplexed at what appears to be a conspiracy of reticence surrounding the one primary strategy without which all secondary strategies seem like just so much flimflam. I refer, of course, to aliyah! Whatever else we talk about, whomever we picket, whichever awards we give ourselves for our fund-raising efforts on Israel's behalf, howsoever we may continue to rationalize an independent Jewish existence in Galut, in the long run (and frighteningly, perhaps, even in the shorter run) we cannot maintain Israel, nor, for that matter, a Diaspora Judaism with mature purpose, if there is not a significant movement of North American Jews towards aliyah.

For a long time, there actually seemed to be a vow of silence among North American Jewish leaders with regard to the subject of aliyah. Of late, thank God, there is some talk, but it is rarely committed, imaginative, aggressive talk. We can analyze and reanalyze why this supreme event of the last 2,500 years — the recreation of an independent Jewish state — has still only managed to motivate a trickle of North American Jews to make the requisite decisions leading to aliyah. We can be sympathetic to the host of problems which afflict any human being who contemplates uprooting himself and family from the known to the allegedly unknown. There is one overriding truth, however, which must brand itself into our collective consciousness: If the land of Israel and state of Israel is not populated with Jews, then there is no objective reason why our claims to Eretz Yisrael should have any greater validity than anyone else's. Rabbi Hanina's ancient words have an ominous sound today: "When the Land of Israel is inhabited it expands; when it is not inhabited it contracts." (Gittin 57a)

What is being tested these days is whether or not as Zionists and as Jews we are bluffing. If Zionism is indeed the movement for national liberation of our people, then why do so few of us voluntarily opt for the fullest expression of this liberation? If Judaism, we claim, is a religion which attempts a unique integration of the spiritual and the material, and Eretz Yisrael best gives the opportunity for such integration, then is not a North American Judaism which has produced such comparatively few "halutzim" little more than a collage of vain postures and pretences?

These are harsh words: and their intent is not to disparage the efforts that have been put into the necessary areas of fundraising, anti-defamation work, and general Jewish education. Nor should they be looked upon as barbs aimed in frustration at friends because we know we cannot communicate at all with our enemies. What we must begin to understand, however, is that we can no longer afford a policy towards Israel which does not have as its clearly-understood goal the ingathering of the Jewish people. Such a goal, understood and accepted by Jewish spiritual, intellectual, political and financial leadership, has been heretofore missing from North American planning. We have been circling around the key issue. And this lack of vision, this lack of decisiveness, can be ultimately disastrous for the potential settlement and security of Israel.

In a recent study of this issue published by the Institute for Jewish Policy Planning and Research of the Synagogue Council of America, it has been shown that what must be built in North American Jewish life is an ideological and psychological base for aliyah. The report suggests that what is needed is nothing less than a total ideological and psychological turning. This turning must be of children **and** parents. This can only happen if leadership assumes its responsibility to begin creating a program that is truly consonant with the aspirations of historic Judaism and modern Zionism.

It is obvious that no matter how accelerated the momentum sparked by such a program becomes, not everyone from North America will go on aliyah (Indeed, an understatement). There will be those Jews who will claim that they could not go, because the given personal obstacles were just too formidable to overcome. But even with all those who do not go, an environment actively sympathetic to aliyah will have been created. From such an environment will come a rising tide of olim. And the ones who cannot make it personally will have in the meantime become a vanguard of Jewish activism within the Diaspora and will have prepared their children and children's children for aliyah.

Rabbi Feder is spiritual leader of Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Toronto.

ask the rabbi

What is origin and meaning of melava malka?

The meaning of melava malka is "Escorting the Queen" and it refers to the special meal eaten on Saturday night for the purpose of escorting Queen Sabbath as she departs. The custom is recorded in the Tur (14th century) and the Shulchan Aruch (Orach Chayyim 300) and is based on a statement in the Talmud (Sabbath 119b) that the second century teacher Rabbi Haninah said that a man should prepare a festive table when the Sabbath departs even though he is not hungry, having enjoyed the Sabbath meals, and requires no more than an olive's bulk of food.

There is also a medieval legend to the effect that, although the body decays in the grave, there is a certain bone which does not suffer decay and it is from this bone that the body is reconstructed at the resurrection. This bone is said to be nourished from the food partaken of at the melava malka meal.

Author Gertrude Stein socialized with many as-yet unknown artists, influenced art world for decades

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

When Daniel and Amelia Keyser Stein married, they decided to have five children. The early death of two of the children permitted the arrival of Leo and, two years later, on Feb. 3, 1874, in Allegheny, Penn., of Gertrude.

The unusual circumstances surrounding the birth of Gertrude Stein was a prelude to the untraditional way she would live and, of course, write.

After spending the early part of her life shuttling around various parts of Europe and the United States, her family settled in California where Gertrude and her brother Leo formed a close attachment, almost to the total exclusion of others.

Then came psychology studies at Radcliffe, disenchantment with her medical studies at Johns Hopkins and her decision to share quarters with Leo at 27 Rue de Fleurus, in Paris, in 1903.

This abrupt move began the lifestyle of Gertrude Stein with which the world would, at first, reluctantly acknowledge, then, be shocked over, and finally, adoringly accept.

While she wrote, Leo bought paintings (she soon did, too) — often for only a few dollars — by such yet-to-be discovered artists as Cezanne, Renoir, Gaugin, Matisse, Manguin, Picasso and others.

At first, friends dropped in to "27" to see their new paintings, then they began to drop in to converse with the occupants, particularly corpulent and ungainly Gertrude, with her short-cropped hair.

It was truly the best of times in terms of the vast genius present in the world of arts, and the worst of times in terms of their artistic rejection by the public and their personal poverty. Struggling, yet undaunted, they continued to paint, to sculpt, to write, to play music and, of course, to visit the Steins for the warmth of friendship and the intellectual stimulation.

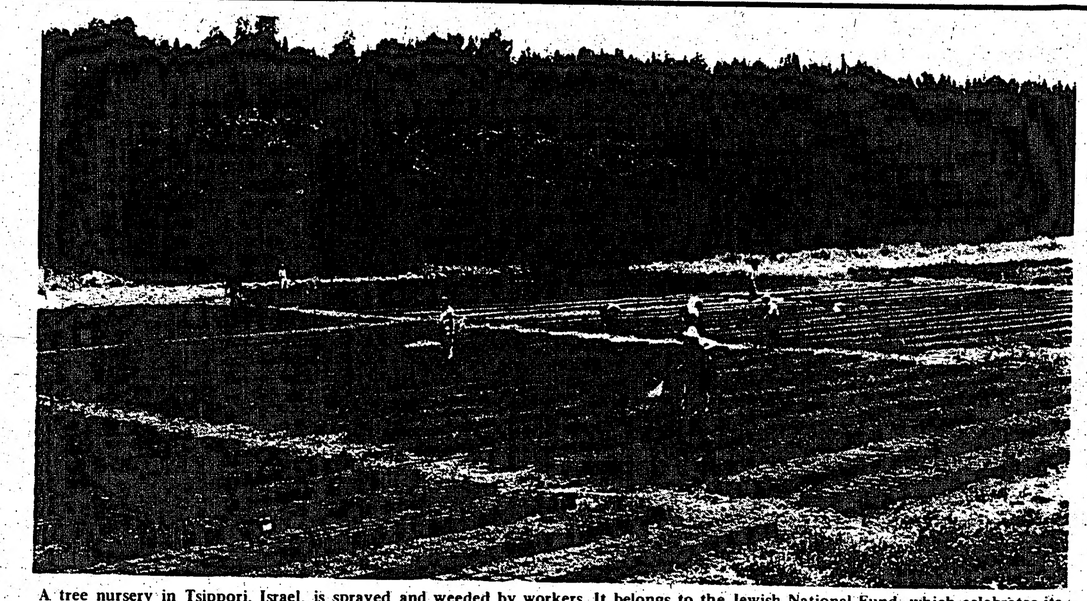
And so, with Gertrude holding court, they came — Ernest Hemingway, Thornton Wilder, Matisse, Gris, Picasso (a friend for so long that "Bonjour Gertrude" and "Bonjour Pablo" were often heard at "27"); Alfred North Whitehead, (he collaborated with Bertrand Russell on **Principa Mathematica**), Apollinaire, F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald and on and on.

There were to be three major events to break the lifestyle that was, at once, so predictable and, yet, so fascinatingly different every day. First, there was arrival in Paris of Alice B. Toklas in 1907, who came about the time Leo left "27", and remained to be Gertrude's friend until Gertrude died on July 27, 1946. (The book, **The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas,** written by Gertrude, caused the name of Gertrude Stein, for the first time, to reach beyond the artistic circle and become world known.)

Then came the two world wars. (During World War II, fortunately for Gertrude and Alice, the villagers of Culoz successfully hid their American Jews from the Nazis.)

It is agreed, that she influenced the world of arts for decades, although there is no unanimity on the extent of her influence. To the general public, though, her name would become an artistic legend, where millions would quote her, though few would truly feel at home with her unorthodox style of writing.

Author Gertrude Stein



A tree nursery in Tsippori, Israel, is sprayed and weeded by workers. It belongs to the Jewish National Fund, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. JNF was established by the fifth Zionist Congress in Basle under the auspices of Theodor Herzl. (JNF)

As JNF celebrates its 75th birthday, it eagerly looks to challenging future

By THEODORE HATALGUI

This year, the Keren Kayemeth L'Yisrael, known in English-speaking countries as the Jewish National Fund, will celebrate its 75th brithday. Established in 1901 by the fifth Zionist Congress in Basle under the auspices of Theodor Herzl in accordance with a proposal submitted a few years earlier by Prof. Hermann Schapira, the JNF became the first instrument for the practical implementation of the then still utopian Zionist dream.

Long before statehood, the map of Eretz-Israel bore witness to the undefatigable work of the Fund in the domains of land acquisition and development. So did its landscape with arid zones turning into fields of manifold crops, young saplings sprouting from barren hills and turning into large forests equipped with picnic areas and recreation spots, malaria-infested swamps transformed into fertile agricultural soil and hundreds of new settlements growing in previously inaccessible border areas.

Throughout all these years, the philosophy of the Keren Kayemeth has been standing on two equally important pillars: work in Israel, where the basic aims of the Fund are being implemented; and educational, informational and fund-raising activities embracing all strata and all age groups of the Jewish people in the Diaspora.

On the threshold of the fourth quarter of a century of existence, the JNF feels by no means content with looking back at its past achievements. While their record, impressive as it is, constitutes a source of legitimate pride, challenges in the future are in the foreground of the JNF's thinking and planning. Like a number of governmental and other public bodies, the Keren Kayemeth thinks in terms of an Israel of the year 2,000. Its own share in shaping the physical features of the country towards the turn of the century is well-defined: to provide the necessary infrastructure of the expanding agricultural settlement and to improve the ecological conditions — and thus the quality of life — of a country undergoing a rapid process of industrialization.

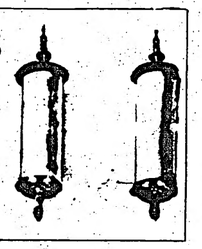
A closer look at these two objectives demonstrates that here too like in so many other fields, little Israel serves as a modern experimental laboratory where answers are being looked for in some of the most vital problems of the contemporary world; how to fight hunger by turning arid zones, through scientific methods, into cultivable land — and how to fight pollution in ever more urbanized societies.

That a nation of three million can, at least in some important fields, serve as an example for the three billion inhabitants of our globe, is one of the characteristics of Israel. The JNF is understandably proud of playing its own role in this development.

A dynamic septuagenarian planning ahead for years to come, constantly rejuvenated by new ideas and kept strong by the forceful momentum of its performance — that is how the Jewish National Fund feels, and looks, in its anniversary year.

'It is easier to cross the Pacific in a bathtub than to swim the sea of Torah--there is no end'

sparks from the torah



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Teruman

V'asita parochet t'chailes v'argaman... And you shall make a curtain of blue and purple and scarlet...

You need brains to know something — but you need **saichel** to know how little you know...

A young man complained to his rebbe that he suffered from conceit. The rabbi told him to wait in his study. A few minutes later, a Chassid walked in seeking advice on a business matter. The rebbe told the young man to advise him. He shrugged — "what do I know about business?" Soon another Chassid walked in with a **shaaloh** about a mezuzah. Again the rebbe looked to the young man. "I'm not sure what to do," he admitted.

Finally a poor man entered looking for a few dollars to marry off his daughter. The rabbi beckoned to the young man. "Rebbe", he cried, "I hardly have enough for myself —" "I don't understand —" the rebbe said, "money you don't have, business you don't know, and even Torah you're unfamiliar with — what do you have to be conceited about?"

It's easier to cross the Pacific in a bathtub than to swim the sea of Torah — there's no end. Imagine...when G—d commanded Moses to build a special work for the Torah, He gave strange, broken measurements — "two and a half cubits long, cubit and a half high..."

Moses wondered — what is this, the Olympic stadium? Why all the crazy half measurements? But the Ribono shel Olam explained — "I want every Jew to realize that however much he studies, he can never complete my Torah. He can never understand more than a half..." (Pardes Yosef)

G—d is not in the piece business — He doesn't just pay us for how much Torah we know, but with what **kedusha** we keep it. When the Kotzker Rebbe became old, he suffered severe headaches. A Warsaw specialist advised him to wear glasses when he studied. The rebbe refused — "I don't want anything separating my eyes and the holy letters of the Torah..." (Sipuray Chassidim)

Torah is life, but...it has to be absorbed the right way. What good is it if a Jew knows the Talmud backwards and forward but keeps his nose in the air? All he'll do is drown when it rains. Or what gain is there if he learns what is proper — and then goes ahead and does what he wants anyway?

That's why we find an interesting thing...Carved into the Aron Kodesh were two cherubim with the face of little children. Why? But it teaches... If a Jew wants to study the scared words of the Almighty, he has to keep himself innocent as a child. You can't mix chulent and blintzes — you can't be a Super Jew one minute, and then run after your Yetzer Horah the next... (Nachal Kedumim)

Ah, but it's so hard not to do avairos. How can you stay a **baal habayis** over yourself? But the Baal Shem Tov taught — a Jew has to ride his desires like a bucking broncho. What do I mean? Whatever weakness a person has, he should dedicate it to serving G—d. If a Jew is lustful, he should direct his fire to mitzvahs. If he loves kavod, he should become a great scholar. If he is angry, let him fight evil in the world. Even our faults were given to us for a purpose...

The truth is that Torah purifiers whoever studies her. Rabbi Yochanan was so different from other rabbis that his beard didn't grow. He once sat at the bank of a river, and the notorious highwayman, Simeon, spotted him from afar. Simeon thought it was a pretty girl. He jumped into the river to make a date. When he came out of the river, he found instead of a pretty girl — a rabbi. "Your beauty belongs on a woman," the highwayman said ruefully. "Your strength belongs to Torah," the rabbi answered. "If you promise to study, I'll let you marry my sister who's prettier than me." The robber agreed and became the great Rabbi Shimon ben Lakish.

Torah takes care of her own. Shabbat Shalom.

Sparks from the Torah TV schedule: *Metro Cable, Mondays at 9; Wednesdays at 6; York Cable, Tuesdays at 8; Willow Downs Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30; Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8.*

J.B. suggests guidelines for successful 'marriage'

We must now strive to make Toronto Jewish Congress work

By J.B. SALSBERG

Well, my friends, the marriage of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto and the Toronto section of the Canadian Jewish Congress has taken place!

You will, I'm sure, observe that I didn't say the occasion was "celebrated", as is customary when describing a happy wedding. For, in truth, the nuptials lacked the spontaneous joy and enthusiasm that is normally associated with heavenly-ordained unions of two people and two families.

In fact, my good uncle Eliezer, who always attends such affairs, confided in me that he clearly detected looks of apprehension in the eyes of many important mechutanim (senior members of the families of both sides), during the critical tying of the bond under the canopy.

But as far as I am concerned, the marriage took place and we must all try, and try hard to make it work. I hope that romantics will not be shocked by this suggestion. Uncle Eliezer says that the road to a successful marriage begins after and not before the wedding and I agree with him.

There are, in my view, a few basic necessities to make the Toronto Jewish Congress succeed. For all that it may be worth, here is my view:

First: Jewish leaders, as well as laymen, must appreciate the fact that the TJC is not a takeover by either the old Welfare Fund or by Congress. TJC will only vaguely resemble the preconceived concepts the pro and anti-merger protagonists nurtured during the long years of discussion. In the process a relatively new concept has emerged which has to be expressed through the newly created body — the Toronto Jewish Congress. Whether that will happen or not will depend on the degree of our realization and acceptance of this evolutionary fact. And that, in turn will depend on our intelligence and our desire to succeed.

Toronto Jewish Congress will have few, if any, blueprints or prototypes to follow. TJC cannot be like the federations and the welfare funds of the United States nor can it be as restrictive in its areas of operations as was Congress in our community until now.

In a sense we will have the rare and privileged opportunity to be creatively original and innovative in fashioning a democratic and unified leadership for a community that will unite every segment of our people, in the effort to meet the multitudinous needs of our own area, of Israel and of Jews in other lands. There are no blueprints for this type of leadership and we will hopefully resolve to create one that may be a prototype for others.

Second: TJC must not only be democratic in its day-to-day function but must be clearly seen to be democratic. There cannot, for instance, be a self-anointed, all-knowing leadership that operates without the opinions of, or without the approval of, the lower leadership levels, all the way down to the grassroots.

Third: Of extreme importance will be the development and the maintenance of a continuous flow of information, reporting and explanation to the grassroots via our press. But we will have to learn that information is not the same as "publicity." There is a gulf between these two concepts. By the same token channels for feedback from below must also be created.

Fourth: Individuals who carried the major burdens of fund-raising until now will have to try to have patience for, and to gradually join in, the discussions of issue that may be of a political, social or cultural nature. Such discussions, though they may take much time, on occasions do help in shaping correct policies for us all. Policies of that sort can not be "knocked together" or "knocked out" by a tiny "think tank" or by staff. The input must be from the widest areas of our population.

On the other hand, those in Congress who until now considered fund-raising a Welfare Fund responsibility will have to realize that fund-raising is their responsibility every bit as much as it was or may still be of those who were actively and self-sacrificingly engaged in this difficult field until now. From now on — fund-raising is the basic task of all who will now operate through Toronto Jewish Congress.

Uncle Eliezer warns that the process of real fusion and the acceptance of mutual responsibilities and obligations by the mechutanim who have sanctioned the wedding will not be an easy one. As usual he is right. But he also agrees with me that if we all try, the marriage will succeed. So, let's try...

Nationalist Peter Newman

Canadian political scene viewed with perception by foreign-born editor

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

He is an insider, a secure and highly-visible member of the Canadian literary establishment. But Peter C. Newman, scion of a wealthy Czech.-Jewish family, is also the proverbial outsider, and therefore, something of a paradox.

He is a model Canadian, a nationalist who edits Maclean's, the so-called house organ of Canada's independence movement. In his well-appointed downtown office there is a simple yet powerful red and white print depicting a self-propelled rake about to sweep away an innocent maple leaf. The inscription reads: "Leave it be." Newman is indeed very conscious of his adopted country.

When Peta Karl Neuman and his refugee parents came to Canada 35 years ago, they were frightened and confused strangers — outsiders. Peta rejected much of his European background and plunged headlong into Canadian society. But he retained enough of his Europeanness to remain a self-contented outsider.

"I still feel very European," said Newman, one of Canada's finest political reporters and author of the current best seller, **The Canadian Establishment.** "You have to keep proving to yourself you're Canadian, that you understand and are in sympathy with the country."

The 46-year-old former editor of The Toronto Star paused to puff on his perennial pipe. "You're conscious of the fact that you don't take it (Canadianism) for granted," he added laconically between whispered telephone calls.

Newman is one of the authorities on Canadian politics (**Renegade in Power** and **The Distemper of our Times** are but two of his books), and he is successful in his chosen field for a number of reasons. It is not just that he drives himself so hard and practices a self-discipline that might daunt others: In writing **The Canadian Establishment,** he rose at 4:30 a.m. and wrote for upwards of five hours, a routine he will follow when he writes the companion volume.

Pre-dawn working habits and controlled determination only account for some of the success. Newman's superb sense of detachment and his ability to remove himself gracefully from the madding crowd probably explains why he has become a household name in Canadian journalism. Journalist Bruce Hutchison wrote about this phenomenon: "Consider the record: the pampered son of a rich family flees with his ruined parents when Hitler's army enters Prague, shivers in a French ditch under the German bombers, somehow reaches Canada without a word of English and inside a decade is writing it better and seeing the nation more clearly than most of its natives."

"An outsider doesn't take for granted being Canadian," Newman explained in his spacious seventh-floor office in the Maclean-Hunter Building. "I've always studied Canada as a subject," he mused, pinpointing his proclivity to view the nation as both an intensely proud Canadian and as a cool, detached outsider who might very well have been intrigued by Afghanistan or Australia had his parents emigrated to these lands rather than Canada.

In grappling with the issues posed by the existence of a Canadian business elite, Newman removed himself, again, to fashion a book that one reviewer terms his magnum opus. Contrary to reports, he is not fascinated by power because of its tendency to be exploited and manipulated by totalitarian dictators.

While he has never forgotten the horrors of misplaced, corrupt power, Newman is primarily interested in power because the study of it is essentially the analysis of society. "As a journalist, it is my function to chronicle society. It is a legitimate mandate," he remarked, sitting in front of a portable Sony TV, and surveying the cork wall on which is affixed the last 55 odd covers of Maclean's as well as a bland printing schedule.

According to Newman, a lanky man whose soft, casual voice is the key to his quiet self-assurance, the hardest task he faced in writing **The Canadian Establishment** was in getting the 600 taped interviews from which he finally distilled the bulk of his material. The most difficult chapter was on Canadian Imperial Bank Chairman Neil McKinnon, who was ousted from his position. "Banks guard their secrets," he laughed. So why was he privy to their secrets? "That's what makes a journalist," he teased.

In his analysis of the "compact, self-perpetuating junta" of 1,000 men who comprise the business elite, Newman devoted several long paragraphs to the Jewish establishment, pointing out that Lazarus Phillips of Montreal is Canada's most influential Jew. Anglo-Saxons dominate the elite, he writes, but a handful of Jews belong to it.

These include: Charles R. Bronfman of the House of Seagrams Ltd.; Albert D. Cohen of General Distributors of Canada Ltd.; H. Reuben Cohen, a Moncton corporate director; A.E. Diamond of Cadillac Fairview Corp. Ltd.; Murray Koffler of Koffler Stores Ltd.; Leo Kolber of Cemp Investments Ltd.; Sam Steinberg of Steinberg's Ltd.; and Ray D. Wolfe of the Oshawa Group Ltd.

Anti-Semitism still exists in exclusive Anglo-Saxon clubs, Newman says, yet he has "no idea" to what extent it is practised by the establishment. He may address himself to this question in the next instalment, due to be released in 1977.

Although he is a sophisticated man of wide knowledge, Newman, an unaffiliated Jew, claims he does not understand anti-Semitism. He says it is not "a major issue" in the ranks of the establishment. "I don't know what is behind it, maybe insecurity, though I know it exists."

He cannot prove actual cases of anti-Semitism in the business community. But he says that banks and large firms bar Jews from top-level executive positions on the grounds that Jews like quick advancement. "That's an argument I can't buy," he said.

Peter Newman, editor of Maclean's magazine, is the author of "The Canadian Establishment," a descriptive analysis of Canada's business elite. It is a national bestseller.

Kibbutz singles given chance to find mate

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

A lonely hearts club specially created for unmarried kibbutzniks was opened recently in Tel Aviv. It will hold regular parties to which eligible kibbutz members from the Galilee to the Negev will be invited, in hopes that at least some of them will find mates.

This is a much franker approach to the solution of a serious problem than was formerly adopted by the kibbutz movements which, at the very most, would occasionally hold "ideological seminars" for single men and women. It was assumed that in between lectures on socialism, Zionism and the Arab world, romance might bloom. Now it has been decided that there must be a regular meeting place for lonely kibbutzniks who, from among the few hundred members of their own community, have little choice of marriage partners.

It is not a disadvantage to be single in the early, fiercely pioneering stage of a settlement's development. But with the passage of time the kibbutz becomes a very family-oriented society, and members who remain single past their mid-20's tend to feel like outsiders, particularly when children start arriving in large numbers.

Contrary to what might have been thought, these children, who are raised in a collective framework and in most settlements even sleep in separate quarters, are strongly attached to their parents. Perhaps, indeed, the existence of a semi-autonomous youth society means that kibbutz children don't feel the same necessity as city kids to assert themselves by rebelling against their parents. Moreover, the fact that mothers and fathers don't have to provide for their own offspring — the kibbutz as a whole gives them housing, an education, etc. — removes another source of possible tension.

Disagreements between parents and children over sexual mores are also less common in the kibbutz than elsewhere, as both generations tend to have liberal attitudes on pre-marital intercourse and related subjects. However, there are certain very strict — if unstated — restrictions on sexual behavior growing out of the kibbutz educational system. Boys and girls of the same age are so close to one another from infancy to adolescence that they are practically like brothers and sisters and intercourse (or, later, marriage) within the group is practically taboo.

Long before it became common elsewhere, kibbutz lovers were living together for a few months or even longer prior to exchanging vows. But, once they marry, they tend to take marriage seriously. Kibbutz couples have fairly large families (three or four children as opposed to two or three among urban couples) and are somewhat less prone to getting divorced than their counterparts in the city.

If couples remain wedded, it is not, as might be the case in other societies, because divorce creates insoluble economic problems. The question of alimony is non-existent and there isn't even any need for special arrangements to the made for the children, who remain, as before, in their own quarters.

But if divorce does occur, there is still hope for both parties. If they haven't sworn off marriage altogether, they can travel to the new kibbutz movement lonely hearts club, where, with any luck, they may find a new partner with whom to try again.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Do you ever ask yourself who **The Only Good People Are...?** Well, that is the subject to be discussed at Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood's Human Relations Day, set for Tuesday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Panelists will be Alan Borovoy, Canadian Civil Liberties Association; Annabelle Goodman, resources librarian; Dr. Evelyn Kallen, social anthropologist, and Felicia Carmelly, Temple program director. Rabbi Stephen Franklin of Holy Blossom will be the moderator.

LIBRARY HELPS SHUT-INS

By calling the Jewish Public Library, shut-ins can now have books delivered to their door. JPL Director Rabbi Michael Celniker tells us that this new service has just been inaugurated in co-operation with Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly and Baycrest Centre. Shut-ins are kept informed of new library acquisitions by up-to-date lists distributed through Kosher Meals on Wheels and Friendly Visitation Services. The book delivery and pick-up is done with the help of the Toronto and North York Public Libraries.

B'NAI ISRAEL BETH DAVID

B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation has a busy week ahead. It starts out with fun and games at a Las Vegas Night Saturday, the 7th, at 7:30 p.m.

Then on Tuesday, the sisterhood all-day institute on **The Jewish Family — Fact or Fiction** has Rabbi Albert Pappenheim speaking on **In the Eyes of Tradition,** and Elliot Larman of the Jewish Family and Child Service discussing **Facing Today's Challenge.** The time is 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register through the synagogue office.

The Contemporary Affairs Institute series continues on Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. with a talk on **A Man and a Modern Metropolis** by city planner Hans Blumenfeld, University of Toronto professor of urbanology.

AUCTION SALE

Here's a chance to pick up a complimentary dinner, some jewelry, an appliance or two, a color television set, and many more goodies. They will be up for bids at Temple Har Zion's auction sale next Saturday, the 7th, starting at 8:30 p.m.

SEMINAR ON ISRAEL

The second in the series of special seminars on Israel, sponsored by Congregation Beth Am's adult education committee, takes place this Sunday, the 8th, at 8 p.m. The topic — **Is Zionism a Dirty Word?** The chairman — Zvi Liran, assistant director, Israel Government Tourist office.

FOR JEWISH MUSIC MONTH

Temple Emanu-El is featuring a special performance of Jewish and classical music by Daniel Domb, principal cellist of the Toronto Symphony on Friday, Feb. 13, at 8:30 p.m.

At their February general meeting Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood is highlighting Toronto's Hadassah-WIZO choir, conducted by Varda Hall Berenstein, accompanied by Sarah Barkin Sandler. The program will include Jewish folk music, songs of the shtetl and modern Israeli tunes.

SERIES FOR YOUNG MARRIEDS

A Jewish Family Life series for young marrieds, covering such topics as social life, in-laws, careers, finances, Judaism, has been arranged by the YMHA together with the Jewish Family and Child Service. There will be eight weekly sessions, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 8:30 p.m. at the North 'Y'. For information, call Neil Goldberg at 636-1880.

GODFREY TO SPEAK

Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey is guest speaker at the Beth Sholom Brotherhood Breakfast and Tephillen Club this Sunday, the 8th, at 9:30 a.m. His topic is Urban Transit.

ISRAEL, THEN AND NOW

A new feature film, **Israel, Then and Now,** will be presented on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. at Eaton Auditorium. The film producer, Clay Francisco, will be on hand to narrate the story. This is the newest full-length film produced on the country and includes the most prized antiquities of the Holy Land. It will be shown for one night only. For reservations, call the box office.

STUDENT DANCES

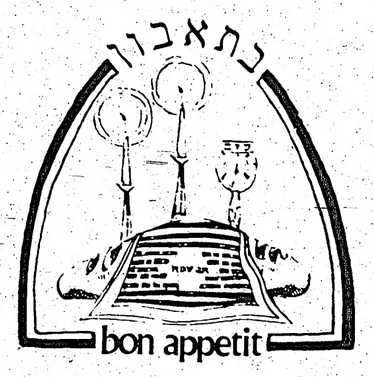
All university students are invited to "Keep on Dancing" (to a live band) next Saturday, the 7th. The dance is sponsored by the Ryerson Jewish Students Association and it takes place at the school's Jorgenson Hall at 8:30 p.m. Then on Sunday, the University Students and Graduates of the Labor Zionist Alliance are having a dance, with disc Jockey Micky Kay, at 8:30 p.m. at the LZA centre.

NEW SINGLES GROUP

The newly-formed Mid-Singles group (ages 35-49), starts out this Sunday, Feb. 8, with a social evening beginning at 8:30 p.m. at the 120 Shelborne Avenue recreation room.

Traditional Iraqi Sabbath breakfast

Hamin eggs are popular winter dish



By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

During winter, a particularly popular dish is the traditional Iraqi Sabbath morning meal: **Hamin** eggs, with slices of deep-fried eggplant, eaten with bread (preferably **pitta**) and piquant mango chutney or pickles.

Hamin is Hebrew for a hot dish, and conveys approximately the same idea as **cholent,** i.e. food that is left on the fire overnight and eaten after morning services on the Sabbath.

The list of ingredients for this dish may appear somewhat improbable, but be assured that the combinations of flavors which results, is a taste rapidly acquired. Eggs cooked in this way, have a delicate, nutty flavor. They turn an attractive pinky-brown shade, and are very soft — children love them too.

Hamin Eggs and Deep-Fried Eggplant

The Eggplant

1–2 eggplants, sufficient for 2–3 slices per person
oil for frying
salt

1. scrub eggplant and slice unpeeled, into 1/3" slices. Place in deep bowl of cold water, and leave to soak 20–30 minutes. Remove and dry

2. heat 1/2 cup oil or more in frying pan. When bubbling fry slices, a few at a time, until deep golden-brown on both sides. Drain thoroughly on kitchen paper and sprinkle with salt

The Eggs

1 egg per person
handful onion skins (the brown, papery part)
3–4 tsps. used coffee grounds
water and oil

1. take small, strong pan with loosely-fitting lid, place eggs inside, packing closely, and cover with cold water. Add onion skins and coffee grounds and bring slowly to the boil

2. cook as usual until hardboiled, then top up with water to cover, if necessary, and float a thin layer of oil on top to prevent evaporation. Cover loosely and leave on hotplate or stove overnight

3. to serve: remove eggs from shells, arrange cold eggplant slices on platter, and provide dishes of mango chutney or piccalilli, olives and pickled cucumbers. Each person makes a combination sandwich with challa or pitta, and all these ingredients

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Shabbat Shalom!

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NDP's David Lewis urges care for disadvantaged

TORONTO —

David Lewis, onetime federal leader of the New Democratic Party, told some 250 men and women attending B'nai B'rith's Canyon Lodge 2717 "Speaker of the Year" breakfast, that they should concern themselves with the disadvantaged and downtrodden of Canada and the world.

Lewis, who was honored as the eighth annual "Speaker of the Year," declared that anyone who follows the injunctions of the Hebrew prophets and the old Testament "ought to be concerned about those who don't have as much as we do."

Speaking without notes, the Polish-born politician, labor lawyer and political science professor, said it worried him that so many middle class Canadians, the kind represented at the breakfast, appeared to resent the social security system to which they contribute by law.

Lewis, who presently teaches at Ottawa's Carleton University, expressed sorrow that otherwise "decent and compassionate people" resent the social welfare system which has been gradually created throughout the years.

In remarks concerning the Middle East, Lewis attacked the UN for having admitted the PLO as observers, affirmed that Canada's policy toward Israel has been steadfast in its support of the Jewish state, and suggested that a true peace settlement might be impossible to achieve without the direct participation of the Palestinians.

The brunt of his speech, however, was devoted to his reflections on the state of Canada and the West.

Lewis, who lost his York South parliamentary seat in the 1974 election, lambasted the United Nations for "playing geo-politics without principle" and for being unable to stop the arms race.

Asked to evaluate Canadian policy in the Middle East, Lewis said that while it has on occasion been too timid, Ottawa has nevertheless been firm in its support of Israel. An NDP government, he explained, would follow a policy very similar to that of the Trudeau regime.

Lewis, a founder of the NDP, said a Middle East peace would require "some recognition of the Palestinians in some way." He remarked that the creation of a Palestinian state might be necessary but refused to pinpoint its location. The Israelis must make that decision, he said, without interference from Diaspora Jewry.

Maccabiah Games set for mid-July

TORONTO —

The International Maccabiah Games Committee (I.M.G.C.) at meetings held in Tel Aviv, Israel, have announced that the 10th Maccabiah Games will be held in Israel from July 12, 1977 to July 22, 1977.

Ruby Richman of Toronto, Canadian representative to the I.M.G.C., on his return from Tel Aviv, advised that the 1977 Maccabiah would include 25 events including four new sports — badminton, karate, squash and mini football.

Richman advised that the I.M.G.C. decided that tournaments in bridge and chess will be run concurrently with the Games.

He also said the I.M.G.C. had decided to host an open invitational track and field meet which will precede the Maccabiah Games in which all participating nations will be invited to partake including South Africa. South Africa will be able to compete in this invitational meet despite being banned by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

The object of the 1977 Maccabiah Games will be to display to the world Jewish solidarity and for the first time in the 45 year history of the games, the closing ceremony will take place in Jerusalem with a march through the capitol by the 2,500 participating sportsmen followed by a gathering at the Western Wall plaza.

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Faye Tanenbaum

This Tuesday in Miami, **Faye Tanenbaum** of Toronto will be awarded the Solomon Schechter Medal by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Which makes her the 22nd (and fifth woman) recipient of the coveted award named for the renowned British scholar and theologian who became the seminary's first president. The presentation will be made at a bruch at the Konover Hotel being held under the auspices of the seminary's National Women's Patron Society. This is the second citation from the seminary for Mrs. Tanenbaum, who received the National Community Leadership Award in 1962. She and her husband established the Faye and Joseph Tanenbaum Chair in Talmud in the Rabbinical School some years ago.

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When **Rabbi Alexander Schindler** was elected chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations recently, he became the first leader of Reform Judaism to head the 32-organization body. The German-born rabbi is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Within hours of being elected, he told an Israeli newspaper that the conference, under his leadership, will "tell Israel the truth as it (the conference) sees it, not just as it thinks Israel would like to hear it." Rabbi Schlindler succeeds **Rabbi Israel Miller,** who served two terms as chairman.

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Acting on a resolution on aliyah, coming out of their convention in Israel, the Zionist Organization of Canada has set up a Commission of Public Enquiry with respect to Canadian Olim. **Gerald Charness** of Montreal, a ZOC deputy president, has been named chairman, to be assisted by **Max Goody** of Toronto, also a deputy president. **Morris Wosk** of Vancouver has been appointed associate chairman. The commission will receive briefs and hold hearings in Israel (already set for February and May of this year), in order to identify specific problems facing Canadian olim and to see where the ZOC can effectively help solve them.

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Maybe it was the Scottish burr, or the tilt of the kilt, but **Manuel Linden** made such a hit when he addressed the haggis (that's official language for the haggis-cutting ceremony), at the Seneca College Burns Society luncheon recently, he was asked to be the guest speaker at the Toronto Scottish Regiment Pipe Band dinner last Friday celebrating Robbie Burns' birthday. All of which was like old-home-week for the Glasgow-born Seneca College faculty member (engineering technology department) — he belonged to the Glasgow Jewish Lads Brigade, which, he says, is the only all-Jewish pipe band in the world.

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At a recent meeting of the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Technion Society, **Jack Chisvin,** was elected president, succeeding **Victor Sefton** who headed the chapter for the past four years. Mr. Chisvin, a consulting engineer, is the recipient of three national and two international awards in design and served on the Advisory Committee of Design for the city of Toronto.

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Chai (18) is always a good number to strive for, and double Chai is obviously even better. That s the number of years (36), that Beth Sholom **Rabbi David Monson** has been a member of Toronto Lodge B'nai B'rith. To mark the occasion, the rabbi's congregants and fellow lodge members paid tribute to him at the brotherhood breakfast club recently. Among those on hand to do the honors were **Murray Ehrlick,** a past BB district president, and **Judge Carl Waisberg** who presented the special citation.

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The 1976 executive line-up of Toronto's Jewish Public Library is headed by lawyer **Meyer Feldman,** who was re-elected president; **David Green, Seymour Haber** and **Albert J. Latner** as vice-presidents. **Ralph Shiff** is immediate past president.

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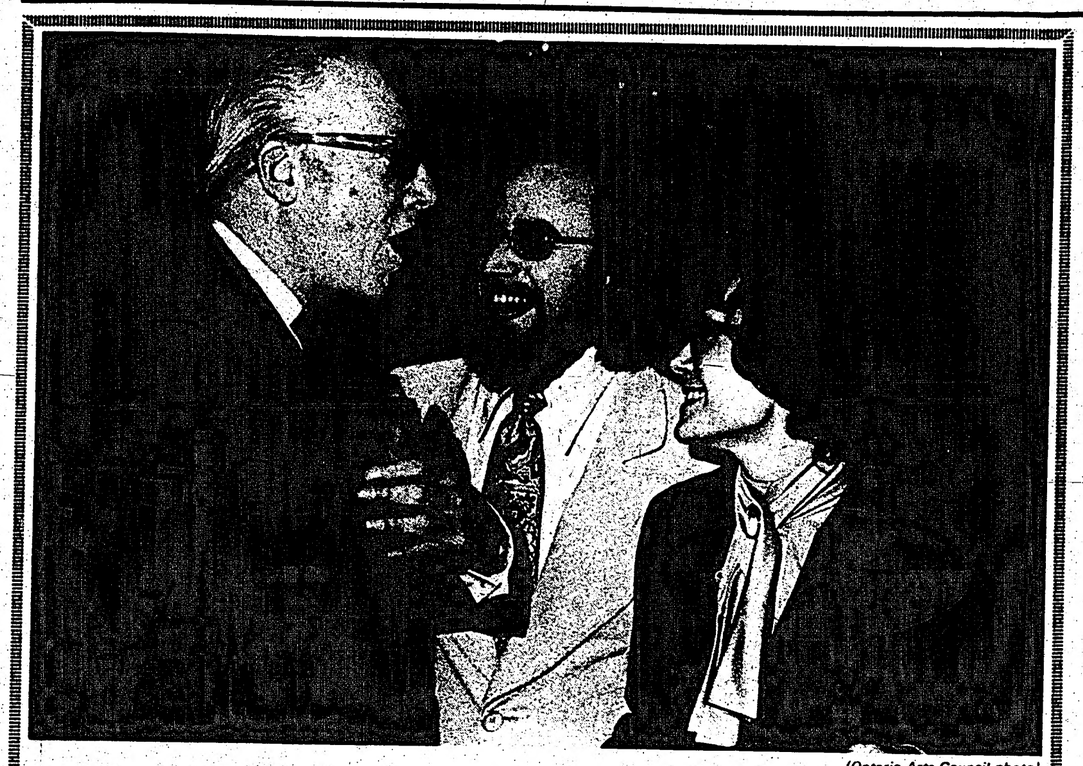

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Jeniva Berger (right), CJN critic and vice-president of Toronto Drama Bench, recently presented Bench award to Herbert Whittaker (left), formerly of Globe & Mail, for his contribution to Canadian theatre. Don Rubin, Bench chairman, was at the ceremony.

Encyclopedia in midst of second printing after Nazis stalled project for 30 years

By Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

The London Times calls it "one of the most significant events in Jewish culture in this century" while Publishers Weekly proclaims it to be "an essential acquisition for libraries."

They are referring to that depository of Jewish knowledge, the 16-volume Encyclopaedia Judaica. Now in the midst of its second printing, this massive compendium is the exquisite result of years of hope, careful planning, frustration and great erudition.

Work on the encyclopedia was begun in Germany in 1922 but was stopped by the rampaging Nazis 15 years later when the editors reached the letter L. The project lay dormant for the next 30 odd years, and it was not until 1967 that the historic task was resumed, according to Frederick R. Lachman, executive editor and American consultant for Jerusalem-based Keter Publishing House which publishes the encyclopedia.

Restitution money initially pumped new life into the project, he disclosed, and a million dollar loan by the American government got it off the ground. Funds provided by Israel and Keter were also instrumental in launching the idea into a reality.

Five years elapsed, and

Frederick R. Lachman

numerous problems overcome, before the set was published in 1972.

One of the first problems with which the editors grappled was whether to present the 25,000 articles and 25,000 items on a popular or scholarly level, explained Lachman, who worked as a journalist in pre-Hitler Germany. The first editor, Prof. Cecil Roth, an eminent historian, concluded that while the encyclopedia should have mass appeal it should not insult anyone's intelligence either.

Prof. Roth and his successor, Dr. Geoffrey Widoger, originally thought that eight million words would be sufficient, "but we wound up with 12 million words," Lachman said. "I became one of the most hated men in Jerusalem," he chuckled, "because some of the articles had to be shortened considerably. To the authors, every word and every comma was holy." He paused, adding: "Harry Gold (the late American humorist) sent us 43 typed pages instead of 500 words."

Since each contribution went through 21 separate editorial stages, Lachman continued, it was inevitable that a number of articles were rejected out of hand, or completely rewritten, for not measuring up to standards.

Each author was asked to include an objective bibliography in the interest of academic balance. "Some wanted to give us bibliographies proving the gist of their arguments," he said. "But we couldn't tolerate that. We always tried to be as fair as was humanly possible."

In all, 2,000 writers contributed to the encyclopedia — 55% of the material written by Israelis and 35% by North Americans.

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Organizations and People

Lubavitch Women's Organization convention

Resolution reaffirms 'honor, privilege' of motherhood

By GOLDA N. BERG

TORONTO —

While, internationally, women have spent a year of introspection, discussion and activity regarding their evolving contemporary identities, their Jewish counterparts were busy assessing the effect of "women's liberation" on their roles in Judaism.

Last week over 350 delegates of the Lubavitch Women's Organization gathered for the first time in Toronto for their 14th annual mid-winter regional convention. And after two days of seminars and lectures, they reaffirmed their belief that, as one delegate noted, "the task of bearing and bringing Jewish souls into the world is an honor and a privilege."

The theme of the weekend gathering was "Completion — The Purpose of the Jewish Leap Year — the Purpose of Life."

Toronto Mayor David Crombie and wife Shirley join Rabbi Avraham Shemtov as headtable guests at 14th annual mid-winter regional convention of Lubavitch Women's Organization, held for first time in Toronto. Rabbi Shemtov heads Philadelphia office of Lubavitch movement. Over 350 delegates attended. (El-Baz)

According to conference organizers, the reference to the calendar is both physical and spiritual. As the leap year is designed to make up the "deficiency" of the Jewish lunar calendar in relation to the solar, so must the individual try to "bring completion" what he or she has failed to accomplish in the past.

For the delegates, gathered from branches as near as New York and as far as Venezuela, "completion" and fulfilment for the Chassidic woman is crystal clear — that of studying the Torah and adhering to its commandments.

Following addresses by Toronto rabbis Immanuel Schochet and Yitzchok Kerzner, torah study sessions, sing-songs, seminars and even a greeting by Toronto Mayor David Crombie, the women announced their chief resolutions for "completion": the formation of a kashruth committee to publicize this mitzvah; the initiation of a speaker's bureau; renewal of the candle-lighting campaign; spreading the practice of Jewish family purity and the organization of additional learning sessions for women.

In a message to convention delegates, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher rebbe, emphasized the role assigned to Jewish women throughout history: "Jewish women were given a primary responsibility and with it an extra privilege for the preservation of the Torah way of life in each and every generation."

Keynote speaker Rabbi Avraham Shemtov, director of the Lubavitch Organization in Philadelphia, told the convention's closing banquet: "We have witnessed efforts on behalf of even Jewish organizations to accommodate the trends of Jewish liberation, as if we have to apologize for the role of women until now."

"Completion means to realize your potential, obligations, ability, merits and privileges... You have the ability and extraordinary capacity to carry out the role reassigned to you."

What is that role? "The role of the woman," he said, "is to complete that which is missing in men."

The delegates to the weekend conference were of all ages and styles — highschool girls, young working women, mothers with infants, grandmothers — along with many unaffiliated observers. Sandy Gewirtz, one of the convention convenors, a young mother, housewife and working woman who runs her own business, reflected the major sentiment voiced by a variety of spokeswomen at the gathering.

"It was different from the average women's conference," she said in an interview. "We were not looking at the question in a negative way, to the areas where women do not dominate, but to those areas where our role is designated — the home, family, Jewish life, kashruth and charity."

Have many young Lubavitch women felt the strains or identity conflicts paralleling the women's movements in the general community? "We don't feel the same pressure as the non-affiliated Jewish woman. We don't fall into the propaganda trap. There is not a big dilemma among Orthodox women; they are brought up knowing what life is and their role in it... I feel sorry for women who question their station just because they are fed propaganda," said Mrs. Gewirtz.

She, like many other Lubavitch women, says she feels quite comfortable sustaining her traditional role, without excluding her career aspirations.

"If the non-affiliated community says we've been brainwashed, then it is a feather in our cap... We would do anything to preserve the quality of Jewish life and forbid assimilation to occur, even if it means we must ghettoize our children."

'Avoiding false hopes with truth best way to attract immigrants'

By S.K. LAZAROV

TORONTO —

Truth is stronger than fantasy in attracting immigrants to Israel, says Yehiel Leket, who heads Israel Aliyah Centres in North America.

"Telling the truth is the best way to attract olim," said the 35-year old Haifa-born director. "We realize that it is unrealistic to give immigrants false hopes."

In an interview at the Israel Aliyah Centre here, Leket, a youthful-looking man, said he does not anticipate aliyah from North America to be substantially different in 1976 than in 1975, when about 3,000 olim went to Israel.

North American aliyah, he noted, reached its peak in 1971 when close to 10,000 persons immigrated to the Jewish state. About 40% eventually returned to their homes after being unable to adjust to life in Israel.

Among the reasons for their inability to stay, he said, was the disillusionment that set in after their initial preconceptions of Israel were bitterly dashed. Some of the misconceptions about the country were fostered by overly-enthusiastic Israel Aliyah Centre representatives in North America, he admitted.

Leket, who is based in New York City, was appointed to his present position some five months ago. A graduate in philosophy and political science from the Hebrew University, he has had a varied career as an ombudsman for the Ministry of Education and chairman of Young Leadership in the ruling Labor Party.

Faced by an increasing emigration rate, Israel is doing her utmost to lure new immigrants, he continued, and they will not uproot themselves unless they are given a realistic picture of the nation. "We're not promising a rose garden," said Leket, referring to a new ad campaign aimed at potential immigrants.

Similar appeals are also being directed at yordim.

As a result, 500 yordim went back to Israel last year.

Although new immigrants are offered a wide range of tax and customs privileges, these alone will not bring olim, he emphasized. "The basis of aliyah is commitment to Jewish life."

Leket says that once a family has made the decision to immigrate, the breadwinner should go to Israel on a pilot trip to assess job possibilities and the housing market.

He expressed the view that the community itself should get involved in aliyah, together with the Israel Aliyah Centre, in order to encourage immigration. In Toronto, an Aliyah Council is now in the process of being set up to facilitate this objective, he disclosed.

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Karate school flourishes amid 'new spirit'

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The Jewish community has its own libraries, its own press, its own institutions. Now it has its own karate school.

Under the ownership and instruction of Dov Kaufman, in his own words a former street brawler, the Institute of Advanced Self-Defence opened last May in Cote. St. Luc. The 33-year-old second degree black belt believes that for too long Jews have backed down in the face of physical confrontation.

"Up to now the book has been thrown at Jewish youngsters as their only means of existing in this world. The creation of Israel has shown Jews throughout the world a new spirit — that they can fight back. The so-called ghetto mentality which took the attitude that things would just go away proved its uselessness when six million perished," he said.

Kaufman, a stocky, straight-shooting individual, experienced constant insults and attacks from Gentiles while growing up in Outremont. "I had to fight my way along, going to and coming from school each day.

"Although I had little background in the religious side of Judaism as a youth, I had seen enough anti-Semitism to make me wonder why. I became interested in the subject as I grew older and after learning more about the Holocaust I became idealistic about Israel and Jewish survival." Kaufman assumed his Hebrew name, Dov, at this time, dropping his given name Bernard.

Choosing to learn the martial arts, Kaufman studied under some of the top karate and jiu-jitsu instructors in Canada and earned his black belt, becoming a master in the two disciplines in less than two years.

During this period Kaufman was a co-founder of the Jewish Defence League in Canada and taught the members fighting techniques while still learning himself.

Nadia Potts, principal dancer of The National Ballet of Canada, chats with A.E. Diamond, president of Canadian Friends of Hebrew University. Ballet company will give gala performance in benefit of university February 12.

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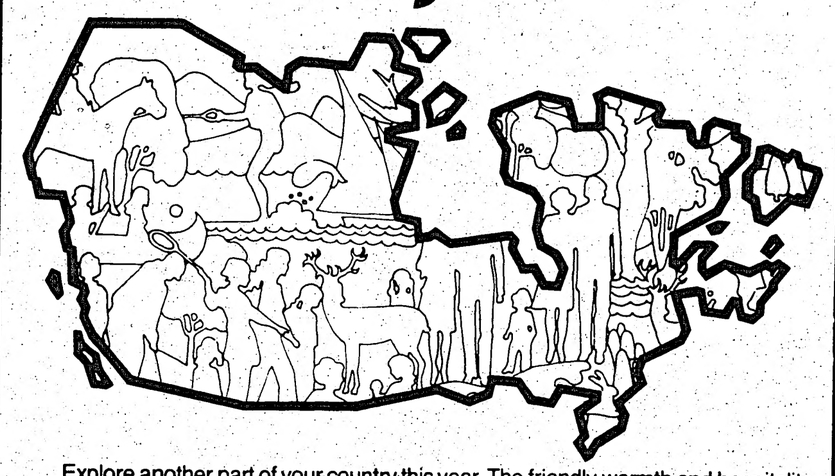

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Giant El Al 747 takes off from Ben-Gurion Airport in Israel. In conversation with writer Charles Lazarus, Captain "Giddy" Arbel told him he had suggested that inscription -- "El Al, the Zionist Airline," be put on each aircraft. (El Al Israel Airline photograph)

35,000 feet above the Atlantic, pilot turns into philosopher

By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

The telephone rang and the voice was familiar. "This is Gideon Arbel." The tone was firm and familiar.

Gideon Arbel — "everyone calls me Giddy" — is an El Al captain whose personality and perspective give him a tremendous clout in making friends and influencing people.

But not always.

"Giddy," who also happens to be the unpaid mayor of Neve Monoson, a small town near Tel Aviv, is head of the El Al pilots' union where his strong leadership brought him into successful confrontation, recently with none less than Mordechai Ben-Ari, president of El Al. Ben Ari came off second best.

In the late summer of 1974, Giddy Arbel visited with me as I sat typing away in an El Al 747 returning from Israel, some 35,000 feet above the Atlantic. After the usual amenities, he came out bluntly with what was on his mind:

"There are what, five, six million Jews in America? Half of them should come to Israel to aliyah in the next 10 years. That's our only answer. Write about that and tell them Gideon Arbel wants them to come."

After the plane landed at Montreal, I told my new friend Giddy to call me again — any time. Last week "any time" arrived. Giddy wanted to meet me for lunch — he let me order first and ordered fish as I did — and then, from lips with far less smiling chutzpah than when he approached my seat on the 747, he spilled what was on his chest:

"You know," he said, "when I last saw you working on the plane, I spoke about American Jews going on aliyah. I'm a Sabra and that's the way I feel.

"But now I must tell you, that I am realizing there is an even more urgent priority — particularly now that the United Nations passed that (anti-Zionist) resolution.

"I'm talking about the yordim — Israelis who have left Israel and are now living abroad. I hear there are some 250,000 in the United States. We must work to bring them back."

His concern for the problem of the yordim is such that he is already at work organizing his El Al colleagues to speak to groups wherever their flights take them, for one concerted campaign to increase the Jewish population of Israel.

"With that United Nations resolution, this is the turning point, the moment of truth," he said. "If something is not done to populate Israel with Jewish talent and Jewish brains, considering the wide gap in education and trained people even among the Jews in Israel, and more important considering the uncontrolled increase in Arab population, in 20 years Israel will be in very deep trouble."

Arbel's point was also that the yordim have to be encouraged to return, not by wild promises of the good life, nor should they be shamed into coming back.

"The incentive must be that they are Jews and Israelis. It is not going to be easy, but we must give them a chance to do something useful, to work hard and to help fulfill our destiny. We must commit them all over again to the future of Israel.

"You know, what discourages many Israelis, and makes them leave is that until the UN thing, the spirit went out of the country, which is run by those who are in entrenched positions, and make living so difficult — the bureaucracy, the housing crisis where young people can't get married because they have no where to live, the lack of economic policy. The country needs a new direction based on firm policies and decisions."

There is little to be added to Gideon Arbel's plea for the return of the yordim and general aliyah except to say that it comes at a time, interestingly enough, when so many decisions in Israel seem to be the result of old established practices by old established politicians, rather than by new blood capable of dealing with the realities.

Listen to Giddy's parting thought:

"You know, right after the UN resolution passed, I was so furious I called Ben Ari, head of El Al, and told him: Why don't we put on every El Al plane the words — EL AL...THE ZIONIST AIRLINE...

"He said he'd think about it."

JNF's anniversary opens on festive note

JERUSALEM —

The Jewish National Fund's 75th anniversary year opened on a festive note recently at the Jerusalem Theatre in Jerusalem, with the participation of Israel President Ephraim Katzir, Jacob Tsur, Director of World JNF, government ministers, members of Knesset, members of the Zionist executives and visitors from abroad.

President Katzir said in his greeting that the occasion was a landmark in the renascence of the Jewish people in their land and a practical expression of the solidarity of world Jewry with the Zionist undertaking.

"At this time, when Zionism has become the target of the venemous attacks of our enemies, it is good to recall the work of the JNF which turns dry plains into flourishing farms," said the president.

Tsur, world head of the JNF, stressed the importance of the establishment of the JNF in 1901, as the first practical step towards Zionist fulfilment.

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Visitors in search of opulence can find it in Palm Beach if they visit palatial mansion which once belonged to Henry Morrison Flagler, the millionaire railway tycoon, who was largely responsible for developing Florida's east coast. (Florida News Bureau photograph)

Spanish heritage of St. Augustine clearly personified by Castillo de San Marcos

ST. AUGUSTINE — America's colonial history began some 55 years before the landing of the Pilgrims in New England, with the establishment of St. Augustine, in 1565.

More than four centuries later, the Florida city remains one of the few places in the nation where it's early history can be seen and touched.

The Spanish heritage is clearly in evidence in the tremendous Castillo de San Marcos. The massive fort, made of coquina rock quarried on nearby Anastasia Island, required more than a quarter of a century for construction. Despite many attempts, the impregnable Castillo was never captured.

Looking over the fort's outer walls, 16 feet thick at the base and tapering to nine feet at the top, visitors can see the Old City Gate of St. Augustine and the narrow brick streets of the city's extensive restoration area.

Walking tours through the restored section of the city are popular ways to become acquainted with St. Augustine. Equally appealing are the horse and surrey tours.

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Miami Beach charms visitor

MIAMI BEACH — "The Day the Circus Comes to Town," an original musical production, will be the major theatrical feature at Circus World, the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey entertainment complex at Haines City. The production will be ready when Circus World, currently closed for extensive renovation and expansion, opens in early April. The musical boasts a cast of more than 80 performers who will tell a story about a circus coming to a small mid-American town, circa 1930.

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Miami Beach's newest attraction, Planet Ocean, offers exhibits ranging from a seven-foot iceberg to a hydrogen fuel explosion. The $6-million permanent ocean environment centre on Virginia Key now includes two major theatres, the solar system and the man in the sea; three mini-theatres and more than 100 exhibits. Other exhibits opening later this year will feature the birth of the oceans, the creation of land, the rise of dinosaurs and sea serpents and the inside of a hurricane.

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On Jan. 1, campers using electricity in Florida's state parks began paying 50 cents more, raising the total overnight fee to $4.50, plus tax. The fee was raised to compensate for the rising costs of utilities and park operations. Campers not using electricity will pay a reduced fee, or $3.50 per night. Previous park policy was to charge all campers for electricity whether used or not.

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Israel must be independent, Goren says

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can't admit to the fact that the survival of the state of Israel depends on the U.S. We must be independent enough financially and politically."

Rabbi Goren, who joined the spearhead of paratroopers to liberate Jerusalem while he was with the armed forces in the Six Day War, was elected Chief Ashkenazic rabbi in 1972, for a five-year term. A domestic controversy has been brewing for that duration between Rabbi Goren and Chief Sephardic Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. The latter has called for the dissolution of the present Chief Rabbinate and its council to be followed by a new election for both bodies, alleging that the 10-member council has consistently supported Rabbi Goren in the course of disputes between the two rabbis.

When asked whether he would support the abolishment of the traditional dual Chief Rabbinate in Israel and the election of a single person to serve both Sephardic and Ashkenazic communities, Goren responded: "This is not a question of interest to Canadians. I refuse to answer these questions even in Israel. I don't need to answer this and get a backfire in Israel."

Turning to other matters, he fielded questions on the issue of Iraqi Jews and the recent elections in Nazareth. Regarding the Iraqi government's invitation to its Jewish natives to return to their "homeland," the rabbi remarked: "Just look at the hanging of the 14 Jews in Baghdad's square... This is only a camouflage to betray the Jewish people and the entire common population. Iraqi Jews escaped from Iraq because of the pressures and physical dangers to their lives."

On the topic of the election of a Communist mayor in the town of Nazareth, he commented: "Israel is not only a democratic state but a super-democratic state." The Arabs of Nazareth, after the international stature accorded the PLO, fashioned their vision of an independent state on the Communist model, he said. But that party is unlikely to improve on the high living standard afforded by the Israelis.

While in Toronto, in addition to meeting with the press, Rabbi Goren addressed a large community rally at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, joined leaders of the Orthodox community at parlor meetings and visited students and teachers at the Community Hebrew Academy.

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Bilingual text makes history in publishing

JERUSALEM — Publishing history was made recently with the premiere appearance of the only known periodical to include English and Russian in parallel columns. The newsletter was published in Israel by Shamir, the Association of Jewish Religious Scientists and Professionals from the Soviet Union, it was announced recently.

The bilingual text will enable the Shamir newsletter to act as a bridge between Soviet Jewish immigrants and Jews in Western countries who are concerned about immigrant absorption in Israel. The newsletter speaks with one voice to the new immigrants for whom Shamir is active and to overseas friends on whose support Shamir depends.

Among the bilingual articles appearing in the 20-page illustrated newsletter are: a report on Shamir's first International Leadership Seminar on Soviet Jewry held a few months ago in Jerusalem; a personal account of Soviet Jewish immigrants living in Rome; a critique of the leadership of the Soviet Jewish community in Israel and a description of Shamir's activities during a typical week.

Organized in Israel over three years ago, Shamir has been providing for the spiritual absorption of Soviet Jews. Through activities such as lectures, publications, libraries, seminars, and religious ceremonies, Shamir hopes to strengthen the bond between Soviet Jews and their new homeland by awakening an interest in Jewish tradition, culture and religion. There are more than 500 members in Israel.

In addition to the periodic newsletter, Shamir's publishing ventures include several paperback books and a well-received Russian language journal Tehiya (Renaissance), which contains articles on a wide variety of subjects.

Fashions on show Feb. 9-13

TEL AVIV — Tel Aviv Fashion Week — the Israel industry's 12th annual fashion event — is set for Feb. 9-13, 1976 at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

Ninety-four firms are taking part in this event which is expected to attract a record number of buyers from major retailing establishments in Canada (over 100 participants have registered to date), the U.S., Europe, South Africa and the Far East. During the 1975 Fashion Week, more than 500 buyers visited the show.

The theme of this Fashion Week is "A Look Ahead" and is indicative of the thoughts and directions of Israel's fashion industry in interpreting and anticipating world-wide fashion trends. Lines, from the almost 100 Israeli firms, will include women's, men's and children's wear, sportswear, leatherwear, leisurewear, rainwear, knitwear, swim and beachwear, lingerie, fabrics and accessories.

This event centralizes the 1976-77 fall and winter lines of a record number of manufacturers and the fashion shows, held daily through the week, will feature representative garments from each collection. The strong emphasis on design apparent throughout the Israel fashion collections in recent seasons has never been more pronounced than in plans for the Fashion Week ranges.

Over the past three years Israel has continuously increased her exports in the fields of fashion. During 1973, Israeli exports were $88.4 million and in 1975 they reached $117 million, an increase of 32.4%. Israeli fashion products, which up to a few years ago were relatively unknown to the world market, have since gained a world-wide reputation, and are now sold in the most prestigious fashion shops the world over.

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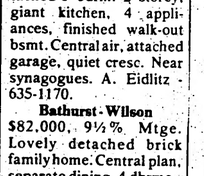
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Arts

Stanley's New Theatre is a roaring success; director's fortitude draws top-rank playwrights

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

A couple of years ago when most of the small theatre directors began to tour their show, take sabbaticals or time out to reassess their once fiery goals, when the massive onslaught of new Canadian plays had begun to wane, Jonathan Stanley opened a new theatre.

In the shadow of the more entrenched little theatres with their large grants and imminent five-year histories, Stanley's theatre, which he paradoxically called New Theatre, seemed a bit of an upstart.

Today, when all the other alternative theatres find their audiences dwindling, New Theatre is selling out houses show after show. They tagged an extra week into the run of Larry Fineberg's successful **Human Remains in the Fall** and are doing brisk business now with Robert Patrick's **Kennedy's Children.** Jonathan Stanley directed that one himself and it's a superb production of Patrick's sometimes scathing, sometimes sentimental look at the '60s.

Jonathan, in his tiny but irresistible townhouse with his actress-wife Trudy Weiss bustling around the miniature kitchen, says with an air of inevitability, "All of the small theatres are becoming established. We're a business now. We take Chargex, American Express and Master's Charge. We're administered by business people."

Ah, that word — established! It smacks of lost youth. What happened to the snap, crackle, and pop of defiance that issued from the small theatres just a short time ago?

Jonathan Stanley and his wife Trudy Weiss. He heads the New Theatre and she is an actress. British-born Stanley graduated from U. of T.'s Trinity College.

"There isn't much fringe theatre/left," Jonathan explains. "It's very hard to find the cutting edge in new works. Larry Fineberg's play is the new genre of Canadian comedy, but so many plays are looking back to the '60s."

When Jonathan opened his theatre, his goal was to produce significant avante-garde plays and Canadian works which only prescribed to his policy of modern art. "So far we've produced some of the most important new playwrights — David Storey, Heathcote Williams, Robert Patrick and Sam Shepperd."

Premiering their works here in Canada was the result of Jonathan's sheer determination and fortitude on the telephone. "I bugged them," he says proudly.

The British-born Stanley has packed in a lot of experience since he graduated from the University of Toronto in 1968, "the only Jew at Trinity College." He wrote dramas and documentaries for the CBC, trained at the Manitoba Theatre Centre as an assistant director, and back in Toronto started his own theatre at the Colonnade.

When he moved over to the less commercial, but more interesting Bathurst Street United Church with the equally more interesting New Theatre, he became the producer, administrator, and director rolled into one. These days he only retains the grandiose title of artistic director, but he fondly remembers the scrub days. "I'm a good pioneer," he says of himself. "I like to start things."

Trudy Weiss, who plays the disenchanted ex-hippie in **Kennedy's Children,** sits beside her husband, bubbling over with fragmented sentences and thoughts which often linger in the air. Her effervescence is a nice contrast to the more carefully worked out thoughts of Jonathan which are crisply put and to the point. As a tribute to togetherness, though, Jonathan often starts sentences which Trudy finishes and vice versa. It makes for very interesting metres.

The dark-haired Trudy, a drop-out from three universities, regrets the chaos of an actor's life while Jonathan thinks that everyone needs a little chaos in their life. "It keeps you sane."

Mayne, superior poet, displays versatility

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Seeded in Sinai is Ms. Yelin's first book of poetry and was written between September, 1972 and February, 1974. "It was as if a sluice had been wrenched open, and years of accumulated pain and impression rushed to be released." Her themes include the mystery of self-exploration, the varied problems of the contemporary world, and old and new Jewish concerns. She writes out of a deep familiarity with Jewish history and symbolism and draws religious sustenance and affirmation from her Chassidic roots.

Recalling the tragedy of the Yom Kippur War, she laments: "The princelings of the world conspire in dark-winged flight to blight my seed." The first Yahrtzeit of her mother's death is the occasion to evoke not only personal grief, but to think also of those who died in concentration camps. "How fortunate I am to know the address of my mother's grave." Whether it is Abraham pleading for the inhabitants of Sodom, David musing at dawn, or Moses expressing his weariness, the author is supple, lucid, and rich in feeling and imagery.

Seymour Mayne is the superior poet with greater versatility and stylistic sophistication. Yet, most readers will find him less rewarding than the voice that speaks through **Seeded In Sinai** because his work tends to be rarefied and opaque. Many of the poems do without punctuation and often the reader is lost amid unfamiliar symbols and references.

Both poets eulogize A.M. Klein who died in 1972. For Yelin he "ripped off shutters cutting off the light from withering corners in our hearts, that we might see ourselves in beauty on the foreign street — the heirs of David, of Isaiah, of Halevi and the Baal Shem Tov." Mayne writes of him as "apostrophizing from the round zero of the mouth rings to the empty ear's circle and woven labrinthine laurels over the vacuous glycerine of the sunken eye."

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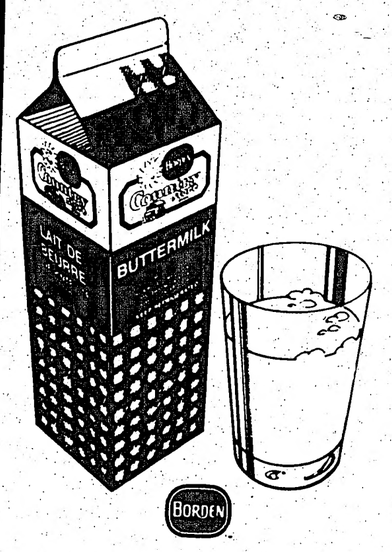

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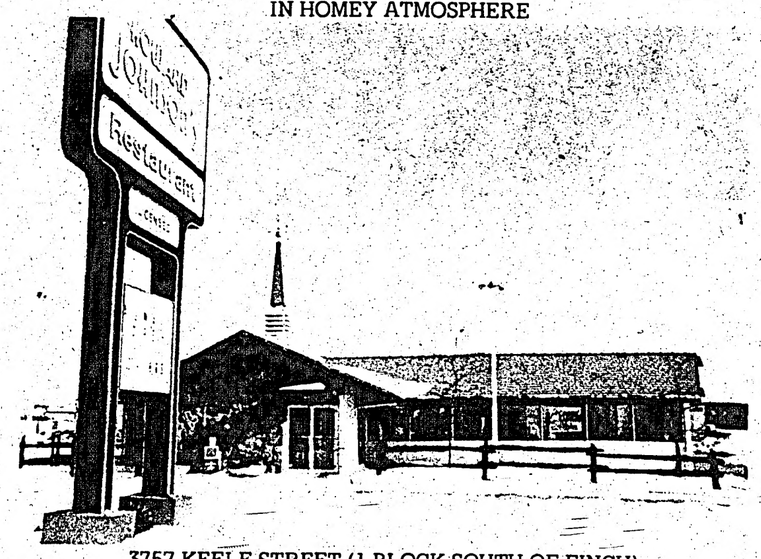

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